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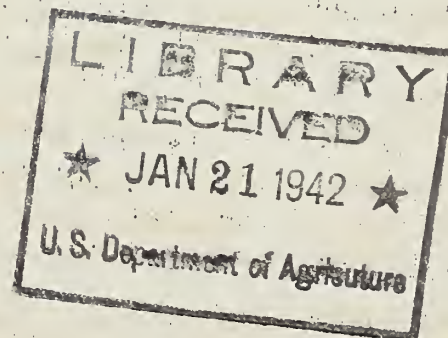
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYMENT

The Division has no record of the use of National Youth Administration help except at Boston and Fort Worth, but in the event such help has been obtained in the past, or is obtained in the future, please bear in mind that a special form of quarterly report is required. This form can be secured upon application to the Office of the Head Clerk of the Division.

2a. HELP LOCATE CLYDE OSCAR PEMBERTON AND EUGENE CYRUS KNOTT

Pemberton & Knott, 433 S. W. 28th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, discontinued business. Unconfirmed reports indicate Clyde Oscar Pemberton is in St. Louis, Missouri, working for a truck line hauling defense orders. Eugene Cyrus Knott is reported in Weslaco, Texas, packing tomatoes. Any information as to the exact address of either party should be forwarded immediately to H. A. Spilman, in charge of PACA enforcement.



-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE LETTUCE AND POTATO PAGES OF THE CODE:  
(Effective January 17)

On the MU (LETTUCE) page of the code, add

OR straight 4 dozen  
OS straight 5 dozen  
OY straight 6 dozen

These terms are added at the suggestion of Mr. Goodwin of the Brawley office.

On the PA-PE (POTATO) page of the code, change the meaning of

PEN New York Red Label grade to  
PEN Empire State Red Label grade

This change is made as the result of a suggestion from Mr. W.J. Birdsall, Chief of the New York State Bureau of Markets.

2b. IDAHO POTATOES

Movement of Idaho potatoes from farm cellars to loading points has been almost negligible for nearly a week on account of unfavorable conditions for hauling the product. Sub-zero temperatures have also restricted loadings from some of the warehouses. However, many of the loadings have been from warehouse stocks and track-side cellars. Supplies in some of these structures have been greatly reduced during this period so that dealers are behind on filling orders, some of them have discontinued offering anything for sale and have informed the trade of their inability to fill orders while present conditions continue. A good many telegrams requesting quotations are still being received.

Recent shipments have included some contracted cars of U.S. Extra Number 1 for January delivery in Chicago. Because of the reduced size of Idaho potatoes in some parts of the State, there has been more or less difficulty in meeting the size specifications for this grade.

Producers have not been free sellers this season, except when offered attractive prices. Dealers have frequently found it difficult to buy from growers at prices in line with current offers for loaded cars.

Many potatoes have been graded and sacked in farm cellars, to be hauled when the weather moderates sufficiently to permit delivery. This should increase shipments sooner or later, many of which have already been sold.

Many cellars in certain sections have leaked so that storage stock is damp and dirty and the stock will have to be washed to meet grade requirements for cleanliness. (Ralph G. Risser, 1/5/42)



3b. IMPERIAL VALLEY LETTUCE AND CARROTS

The fall lettuce deal in the Imperial Valley is getting off to a remarkable start this year both as to tonnage and price. Up to today (Sunday, January 4) there has been a movement of 908 cars. A year ago, it was just 397 and in the past six or seven seasons, excepting the 1105 cars in 1938, there has been nothing to approach it. In price, as in volume, the deal has also been unique. Yesterday's trading at \$4.00, few \$4.25 compared with the previous five season's range of \$1.00-1.65 sounds fantastic. It looks like we are in for one of those "reference years" to which all future seasons will be compared. Acreage here is estimated at 20,150 this year on the early unofficial tally that is made of holdings by packing sheds. This is about 1,600 more than last year.

Although a very sizeable tonnage has already moved, the fall deal proper is really only scheduled to get under way properly tomorrow. Practically all major shippers will be into their fields then. Some weakness is anticipated for prices, as volume picks up, but most think a \$3.00-3.50 range will be sustained and they will be very happy to move the crop at those figures.

The first two cars of Imperial carrots showed up this week-end with the shipments of Saturday. They were loaded at Holtville. Most shippers were not expecting to start before the 10th or 15th and there has not been too much encouragement to "jump the gun" from a price standpoint. An occasional car out of Thermal in the Coachella Valley and from Yuma has been selling for \$2.00 but there has been no particular interest on the part of the buyers here, but then, of course, the trade that specializes in carrots has for the most part stayed at Phoenix to work that commodity both in the Salt River Valley and at Eloy. Carrot plantings this year are estimated at 6,284 acres here; not greatly different than a year ago when it was 6,478. (J.A.Hunter, 1/4/42)

B.C. Boree

Division Letter, January 9, 1942

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Brawley, California Planters Hotel Bldg.	933	J.A. Hunter	Lettuce	Jan. 2	Feb. 27
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Bldg.	895	R.E. Keller	Fruits Vegetables	Nov. 10 " 10	Jan. 10 April 15
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G. Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 23	April 17
*Lakeland, Florida P.O. Box 191	920	H.F. Willson	Citrus	Oct. 1	June 20
Martinsburg, W. Va. Public Square	835-B	R.W. Kohler	Apples	Sept. 16	April 15
*Plant City, Fla. State Farmers' Market	850	R.M. Peterson	Strawberries Lettuce	Dec. 18 " 18	March 14 April 11
*Pompano, Florida Farmers' State Market	937	R.M. Fox	Beans Potatoes Peppers Green Peas Tomatoes	Dec. 29 " " " " " " Jan. 20	March 28 " " " " Feb. 28 March 28
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	842-R	S.W. Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 16	April 30
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C. Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 2 " 2 " 2 " 2 " 24 " 2 " 2 " 4 Oct. 6	May 19 Feb. 21 May 19 Dec. 15 Oct. 7 April 21 Oct. 27 Sept. 23 May 5
*Waupaca, Wisconsin Court House	894-R	P.A. Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 2	March 31
Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E. Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Nov. 3 " 15	March 31 May 31
<u>THE FOLLOWING STATIONS CLOSED ON THE DATES INDICATED</u>					
*Belle Glade, Florida	937	W.J. Chastain	Beans	Nov. 3	Dec. 23
*Phoenix, Arizona Security Bldg.	815	J.A. Hunter	Lettuce	Nov. 26	Dec. 27
<u>THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATE INDICATED</u>					
*Sanford, Florida	910	W.J. Chastain	Celery	Jan. 20	May 29
* State cooperating					



-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. REVISION OF SERVICE AND REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS NO. 93, SECOND REVISION

There is submitted with this Division Letter a revision of Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 93, second revision, which contains the Rules and Regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture Governing the Inspection and Certification of Fruits and Vegetables and Other Products, which was last revised in June 1936.

The reasons for this revision are:

- (1) These rules and regulations should recognize the Agricultural Marketing Service as the authority under which they are administered instead of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics which was in charge of this work when the last regulations were promulgated in June 1936.
- (2) The old rules and regulations were amended four times after they were issued -- June 18, 1938; December 30, 1938; May 1, 1939; and March 12, 1940. This made it difficult for those who are interested in the inspection service to refer to the regulations. The amendments have been published only in mimeographed form and over such a long period of time that very few members of the industry have the complete regulations in their files.
- (3) The old regulations did not recognize the authority for the inspection of fresh fruits and vegetables which is contained in the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act of 1930 as amended.
- (4) The present supply of S.R.A. 93, second revision, was almost exhausted and it is felt that this is an appropriate time to make whatever changes seem advisable.

In connection with the revision the following changes in addition to those mentioned above seemed advisable:

- (1) In Section 51.4 (b) the number of markets listed has been reduced to include only those at which full-time Federal employees are maintained. In addition to those listed there were formerly included such markets as Albany, N. Y., Harrisburg, Pa., Newark, N. J., and others where the service was conducted by inspectors who were cooperatively employed with the various States. The number of these points has become so large that it is not believed necessary to include them in the list of designated markets. The necessary authority for inspections in such markets is contained in 51.4 (c).
- (2) Some difficulty has been experienced in the past in getting applicants to furnish suitable light and other conditions necessary to make proper inspections. In order to have more specific authority for requiring the applicant to furnish such facilities the last sentence in Section 51.13 has been added.





REVISION OF SERVICE AND REGULATORY ANNOUNCEMENTS NO. 93, SECOND REVISION (cont'd)

(3) It has occasionally been found necessary to forward samples drawn by one inspector to another office for analysis and certification. This has been particularly true in the case of peanuts and other kinds of nuts where inspections have been requested in certain markets which are not equipped for such work. Heretofore there has been no provision for official sampling and forwarding the sample to another office for analysis and certification. In order to provide specific authority for this procedure Section 51.18 has been added.

(4) The title of Section 51.32 in the previous regulations was "When a second inspection is not an appeal." This is Section 6 of Regulation 5 of the old regulations. The proposed heading is more appropriate for the paragraph. The paragraph as a whole has been placed last under the general heading "Appeal Inspection" since it is not a regulation governing appeals but a statement regarding certain kinds of inspections which are not appeals.

(5) In 51.36, old Regulation 7, Section 1, paragraph 1 has been changed to more accurately define the size of the carload on which inspection fees are based. The old regulation referred to "...a carload of the maximum customary size." The maximum size for a carload of some fruits and vegetables varies so much in different areas and even within a single production area that it was felt best to leave out the word "maximum" and add the provision "...in the area from which shipped."

(6) In the last sentence of section 51.36 the old regulation read "...or the charges may be based upon the number of pounds or number of containers examined..." While it was the intention of this regulation to provide a means for basing charges on the size of the lot inspected as measured in pounds or number of containers the term "examined" has been considered by some as indicating the number of pounds or containers actually scored by the inspector. In order to obviate the possibility of such an incorrect interpretation this part of the section has been made to read "...or the charges may be based upon the number of pounds or the number of containers in the lot inspected..."

(7) Section 51.45 has been expanded to enumerate certain of the frauds and misrepresentations covered by the section and to provide for procedure in case an applicant who has been denied the benefits of the service desires a hearing at which to present his arguments as to why the benefits of the service should not be denied to him.

In addition to the above-mentioned changes there are a few minor changes in wording of minor importance which have been made in the interest of clarity and in order to conform to Federal Register requirements.



2f. OFFICIAL SAMPLING

The new S.R.A. 93, third revision, contains a provision for official sampling in Section 51.18. This section has been added to provide for sampling by one inspector, and the inspection and certification by another, such as is frequently necessary in the case of peanuts when a sample is sent to Washington or to a Regional office for analysis.

Samples may be officially drawn by any duly authorized inspector and delivered or shipped for analysis and certification to the nearest designated market or to such designated market as shall be directed by the Agricultural Marketing Service. In this sampling F.P.I. 77 Rev. shall be used. A pad of these forms is being mailed to all supervisors and market inspectors, who should be governed by the following instructions:

1. Immediately after the sample is drawn the inspector shall issue the F.P.I. 77 in quadruplicate; the original and two copies to be shipped in the container with the sample to the designated market, the other copy to be retained by the authorized inspector drawing the sample.

Market inspectors when inspecting officially drawn samples should show under Remarks "The sample covered by this certificate was officially drawn by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ as shown on Certificate of Sampling No. \_\_\_\_\_ attached hereto."

3f. CONSERVING BURLAP BAGS

Because of the present and prospective shortage of burlap a special effort is being made to conserve the present supply by reusing bags as long as possible. The following paragraph is quoted from a release by the Office of Production Management:

"Conservation of Bags for Reuse. No person shall, to the extent practicable, slash or otherwise mutilate Burlap bags as a means of opening the same. To the extent practicable, all persons filling Agricultural Bags shall close them in a manner which will permit speedy and intact opening of such bags..."

All inspectors are instructed strictly to observe the above direction and in this way assist in the conservation of materials essential to the defense program.

4f. PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING COLLECTIONS

On page 7 of the "Procedure for Handling Collections Made by Field Employees," recently mailed to each office concerned with the new procedure put into effect January 1, 1942, the parenthetical note quoted below should be deleted:

"(Repayments to Trust Fund should be credited to 12X8015 (subhead) Expenses and Refunds, Inspection and Grading of Farm Products, D. O. Symbol 891-804.)."





5f. ASSISTANT MARKETING SPECIALIST EXAMINATION (FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES)

There have been sent you from the Civil Service Commission a few copies of the announcement of the forthcoming Assistant Marketing Specialist examination. These may be sent or handed to those men whom you believe qualified for our inspection work. One copy should be kept in your office for reference so you can advise any who are interested to apply immediately for the necessary forms to the nearest Civil Service office as listed on the announcement. Note that applications must be on file with the Civil Service Commission at Washington, D.C. by February 16, 1942.

A special effort should be made by shipping point supervisors to interest those men in taking this examination whose work as shipping point inspectors has pointed them out as especially qualified for Federal inspection work.

6f. MINNESOTA CERTIFIED SEED GRADES

The following amendment to the Minnesota Certified Seed Potato Grades has recently been released by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture:

"Section 5. Minnesota Certified Seed Grades.

## b. Minnesota Red Tag Certified Seed Grade:

(1). Minnesota Red Tag Certified Seed Grade shall consist of potatoes which have met all disease and other requirements of the Blue Tag Certified seed except that they shall be free from serious damage by dirt, and that variation from the general type for the variety shall be permitted to any extent agreeable to the purchaser."

7f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

" Mexican tomatoes and other imports wire R.H. Bertelson, 305 American Ave., Nogales, Arizona.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

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TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING NOVEMBER, 1941

(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.	State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.
Arizona	1183 $\frac{1}{2}$	Nevada	1
California	4547 $\frac{1}{2}$	New York	486
Colorado	1886 $\frac{1}{2}$	North Dakota	1777
Delaware	42	Ohio	103 $\frac{1}{2}$
Florida	6741	Oregon	2598
Idaho	4602	Pennsylvania	257
Illinois	57	South Carolina	14
Indiana	92 $\frac{1}{2}$	South Dakota	1
Iowa	3	Texas	4413
Louisiana	777	Utah	166*
Maine	2174	Virginia	482
Maryland	77	Vermont	10
Massachusetts	6	Washington	4017
Michigan	1584	West Virginia	167
Minnesota	880 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wisconsin	82
Montana	48	Wyoming	87
Nebraska	283	TOTAL	39,646

\* There were 281 trucklots aggregating 3,902,955 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Acts. The following reports not yet received: North Carolina, New Jersey, and New Mexico. Inspections for S.M.A. not included in the above: Indiana 38, Kentucky 20, Montana 28, Ohio 240, Utah 25, and West Virginia 151.

In addition to the above, inspections were made in the following markets for the S.M.A. in the amount indicated: Hartford, Conn.  $\frac{1}{2}$  car, and New Haven, Conn. 8 cars.

<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING NOVEMBER, 1941</u>					
Markets	Total Inspections	Same Month Last Year	Markets	Total Inspections	Same Month Last Year
Albany	9	12	Milwaukee	18	28
Atlanta	171	30	Minneapolis	46	26
Baltimore	50	40	Newark	27	11
Boston	114	105	New Haven	41	6
Buffalo	38	75	New Orleans	73	68
Chicago	249	146	New York	409	423
Cincinnati	20	24	Norfolk	49	14
Cleveland	53	58	Oklahoma City	16	11
Columbus	14	17	Philadelphia	49	55
Denver	22	23	Pittsburgh	140	214
Detroit	95	185	Portland	0	7
East Providence	-	16	Raleigh	3	-
Fargo	1	0	Rochester	10	6
Fort Worth	19	10	St. Louis	37	55
Harrisburg	3	0	Salt Lake City	1	1
Hartford	30	34	San Francisco	5	0
Houston	14	13	Seattle	7*	12
Indianapolis	8	11	Tampa	2	2
Jackson	5	0	Trenton	0	6
Jacksonville	19	41	Washington, D.C.	13	10
Kansas City	56	48	TOTAL	2025	1872
Los Angeles	12	11	Total fees assessed for		
Memphis	20	14	November, 1941, \$9,991.27		
Miami	57	4	\$6,897.24		
			1106 cars inspected for Western Perishable		
			Carload Receiver's Assn., New York City.		

\* Compiled from certificates in file







-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-

1d. IMMEDIATE TRANSMITTAL TO RECEIVING ACTIVITY OF CERTIFICATES UNDER NAVY CONTRACTS IS REQUIRED

The following letter, which all inspectors are to note carefully and follow in the future, has just been received from the Navy.

"It has been brought to the attention of the Bureau that discounts offered by contractors have been lost due to the fact that the grading certificates issued by your inspectors, covering material destined for the Navy, have not reached the receiving activity concerned in time to take advantage of the discount. It will be appreciated if your inspectors be directed to submit a copy of the grading certificate to the receiving activity immediately after inspection.

"It will also be appreciated if instructions be issued that the grading certificates show, in addition to the net weight range, the average net weight found in the samples examined."

2d. PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING COLLECTIONS

Please see the article under the above heading appearing on page 7 of this D.L., item #4f.

OFFICE NOTES

John E. Dodds, processed foods section, is attending the meeting of the Northwestern Cannery Association in Seattle January 9 and will return to Washington January 14.

H.S. Slamp, District Supervisor, Philadelphia processed foods office, is in Florida in connection with several processed foods programs under way there.

L.R. Gibson, of the Boston office, is in Rochester for several days assisting the Rochester office with its heavy processed foods inspection program.

G.A. Crone, of the Philadelphia office, who is assisting in the Rochester office suffered a slight accident and is incapacitated for a few days.

Earl F. Burk, of the Columbus office, is in Florida in connection with the processed foods program.

B.N. Stuckey, of the Chicago office, and Floyd J. Weaver of the Fayetteville office have arrived in Florida to take up the continuous factory processed foods inspection work.

Gene H. McClain, of the Portland office, and R.P. Melhart, of the San Jose office, are cooperating with the Western Research Laboratory of the Bureau of Agricultural Chemistry and Engineering in the development of standards for frozen fruits and vegetables.

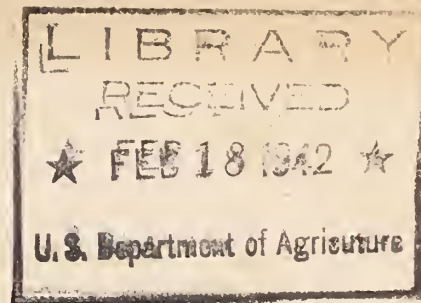
R.C. Meehan has joined the new Los Angeles processed foods inspection office.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. ADMISSION TO POST OFFICE BUILDINGS

The Post Office Department has recently issued instructions to all postmasters and field officers of the Postal Service to the effect that all employees housed in Federal buildings outside of the District of Columbia under the custody of the Post Office Department must be furnished with appropriate means of identification satisfactory to the postmaster or officer in charge and must be produced upon demand by any building guards, watchman, or elevator operator or such other employee as may be designated by the building custodian. The understanding reached between this Department and the Post Office Department is that any identification card acceptable to this Department will be acceptable to the Post Office Department. This means that only those employees who do not now hold a regular department identification card will require some means of identification. In order to insure uniformity, employees will be issued building passes identical to those used for department buildings in Washington. The passes will be issued by the Procurement Section in Washington, signed by the Procurement Officer and countersigned by the representative in charge of the field office. It should be borne in mind that this pertains only to those employees housed in buildings under the custody of the Post Office Department and not the Public Buildings Administration, Federal Works Agency, etc.

All officers in charge of employees in buildings under the custody of the Post Office Department are requested to send to the Washington Office (attention Mrs. Mills) a list of the names of employees who do not hold a Departmental Identification Card (not to be confused with the Traveler's identification card or the inspector's identification card) so that passes may be issued to those concerned. The passes will be issued with an indefinite expiration date except in the case of temporary employees. The date of expiration of the appointment of temporary employees should be furnished.

It is understood that the blank passes are not available at this time notwithstanding the statement to the contrary. For this reason, it may be necessary to issue passes which carry certain special stamping. In the event this should be necessary, passes of the proper type will be issued when available and the passes previously issued will be recalled.

2a. CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE RED CROSS WAR FUND BY THE WASHINGTON OFFICE

During the latter part of January the Washington employees of the Fruit and Vegetable Division as well, no doubt, as employees in other cities, were asked to respond to the appeal of the American Red Cross for a national Red Cross War Fund of \$50,000,000.

Among the Washington Fruit and Vegetable employees the response was both general and generous. The total contributed by this group was \$142.75.



3a. REPORTS DESIRED OF CHANGES IN TRANSPORTATION METHODS AND UNLOADING RAILROAD CARS

Rumors are being received, and will probably continue, of shortages or anticipated shortages of refrigerator cars for the transportation of fresh fruits and vegetables. We understand that the Car Service Division of the Association of American Railroads is constantly stressing to shippers and receivers the necessity for their cooperation in ordering only a sufficient number of cars to take care of current loadings, loading cars promptly, and unloading shipments promptly on arrival.

In order that we may be kept as fully informed on the car situation as possible, we shall appreciate having our inspectors and market news men at receiving markets advise us from time to time whether cars are being unloaded and released promptly, and when there are unusual circumstances in connection therewith.

We also need to know whether shippers are loading cars heavier than the prescribed minimums and by about how much for the different commodities. Our market news representatives and supervising inspectors in the shipping sections should keep us informed of any changes in loading practices, as well as the extent of important shifts in transportation methods, such as from truck to rail shipment.

W. G. Meal

4a. TRAVEL BY PRIVATELY-OWNED CONVEYANCE

Administrative Memorandum No. 309, Supplement No. 3, Amendment No. 6, dated January 31, 1942, is being distributed to all field offices with this issue of the Division Letter. This publication explains the new procedure in preparing the "Statement of Travel by Motor Vehicle" when such has been used in the conduct of official travel, and also explains the proper method of certification necessary in expense accounts covering such travel. The Memorandum No. 309 and accompanying "sample" forms (3) should be carefully studied by all travelers using privately-owned conveyances.

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1b. CHANGES ON THE SHIPMENT AND RECEIPTS PAGE OF THE CODE: (Effective Feb. 14, 1942)  
On the F (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) page of the code change the meaning of

FUS	including _____ cars for relief	to read
FUS	including _____ cars Government purchases	

On the D (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) page of the code change

DOQ	Bermuda	to read
DOQ	Others (origin not specified)*	

\* Decode as preferred. This is to take care of cars imported.



## 2b. TELEGRAPH COSTS

Higher operating costs of various kinds are so increasing Market News Service operating expenses that it is imperative all unnecessary and not absolutely essential expenses be eliminated for the balance of the present fiscal year. We must avoid incurring a deficit. One of the possibilities for reducing expenses is to reduce commercial telegram costs. It is urgently requested that all field offices and city offices not served by leased wire or radio make an immediate survey of the market reports being relayed to them and ascertain if there are any that can be discontinued. There are probably a few reports that were originally asked for at the request of one shipper or shipping firm (or receiver) which under present conditions could be stopped. After making a careful study of the city market reports being received by commercial wire, please make your suggestions for reducing your commercial telegraph bill (by either eliminating certain markets or certain portions of certain markets) direct to the office relaying to your office and send a copy of your suggestions to the Washington office for our information and attention.

## 3b. CONTAINERS FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

The situation with respect to containers for fruits and vegetables, particularly in some sections of the country, and especially for those commodities normally shipped in sacks, generally burlap, is becoming critical. Any information on the container status in the various shipping sections will be greatly appreciated. We would like to know as much as possible about the prevailing situation as it actually exists from time to time, what new or substitute types of packages or containers are being used, what substitute practices in packing or shipping are being followed or are contemplated and what container conservation practices are being initiated or are under serious consideration.

Your advice at an early date will be appreciated, as well as current advice from time to time when conditions are or appear to be changing.

## 4b. NOTICE

Inasmuch as there has been no change in the list of "Temporary Field Stations of Market News Service" since the last Division Letter, it is not published in this issue. Until it is again published, consult the list appearing on page 14 of the Division Letter dated January 23, 1942.

B.C. Boree

## OFFICE NOTES

The San Francisco office of the processed foods section advises that its telephone number has been changed from Exbrook 8955 to Exbrook 5756 and 5757.

Minton C. Erickson, in charge of the Buffalo inspection office, advises that his residence address is 950 Delaware Ave., Apt. No. 5 and residence telephone No.: Lincoln 3129.

Walter H. Lappen has succeeded C.E. Partridge as inspector in charge of the processed foods office at Easton, Maryland. Mr. Partridge is now working out of the Philadelphia office.

E.E. Conklin, Regional Supervisor, Chicago office, and W.C. Hackleman, Regional Supervisor, New York City office, spent February 6 and 7 in the Washington office, attending a series of conferences.

Wm. E. Lewis will leave Washington on February 9 for about six weeks during which time he will visit points in Florida for the purpose of making studies of grades for citrus fruits and celery.

## INSPECTION SERVICE

1f. DIAGNOSIS OF BACTERIAL RING ROT

In article 9f of Division Letter of January 10, 1941, it is directed that if the applicant insists on a definite statement that a decay is caused by Ring Rot specimens should be sent to Beltsville for diagnosis and wire report received, before a positive statement is made on the certificate that the decay found was caused by Ring Rot.

It is felt that definite laboratory diagnosis should be made before this term is used on certificates covering seed potatoes, unless the decay is so advanced and so characteristic that there can be no doubt as to its cause. Doubtful specimens may be sent to any pathologists connected with the Federal service or, in case of samples from shipping points, to the laboratory of a State experiment station, or other official laboratories such as those connected with State Departments of Agriculture or Extension Services. If reports from any of such laboratories show that the decay is caused by Bacterial Ring Rot a positive statement to this effect may be made on the certificate.

2f. TIME SHOWN ON CERTIFICATES AFTER FEBRUARY 9

Since clocks in all parts of the country will be changed one hour beginning February 9, it will not be necessary to make any statement in dating certificates as to the kind of time which is being used. The time shown should be the actual clock time under the new time program which will go into effect under Congressional order on February 9.

3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

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## PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE

1d. NEW GRADES FOR CANNED ORANGE JUICE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE MARCH 2, 1942

New United States Standards for Grades of Canned Orange Juice have now been approved and will be ready for distribution within a short time. These standards are to become effective on March 2 and will supersede the present tentative standards which have been in use for the past year.

The limits for recoverable oil which have been incorporated in the new standards were suggested by citrus juice packers representing a large percentage of the total production of canned orange juice. It is believed that the use of these oil limits will have a tendency to raise the standard of quality of canned orange juice.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. POLITICAL ACTIVITY

With this Division Letter there is enclosed for each employee in each office a copy of Personnel Circular No. 84 (Revision 1). This memorandum supplants all memoranda, regulations and instructions on the subject of political activity issued prior to February 12, 1942. All significant information of political activity including recent interpretation of the Hatch Act by the Attorney General are given in this one circular.

If the circular is not clear and further questions concerning political activity arise, please communicate with W.A. DeVaughan, Personnel Section, Agricultural Marketing Service.

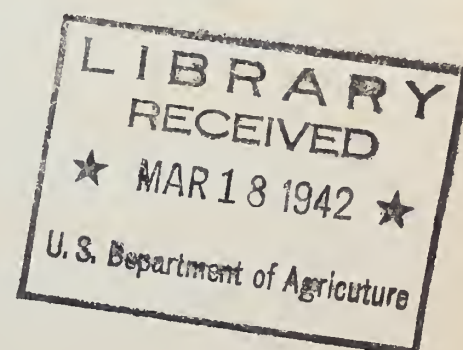
2a. SEND THE YELLOW COPY OF GOVERNMENT BILLS LADING TO WASHINGTON OFFICE

Upon using a Government Bill of Lading, the Memorandum (Yellow) copy should be mailed immediately to the Washington office - and not retained in the files of the field office.

3a. BILLS OF LADING

The memorandum copy (yellow) of the bills of lading listed below are missing from the files of the Section of Budget and Accounts. It is requested that each office listed check its files and forward to Washington (attention Mrs. Mills) any copies which may be found:

<u>Bill of Lading</u>	<u>Date Shipped</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
239740	Oct. 23, 1941	Baltimore, Md.	Washington, D.C.
894720	June 19, 1941	Rocky Ford, Colo.	Salt Lake City, Utah.
894721	" 19, 1941	Denver, Colorado	Salt Lake City, Utah.
894723	Sept. 9, 1941	Denver, Colorado	Salt Lake City, Utah.
894725	Oct. 8, 1941	Stevensville, Mont.	Salt Lake City, Utah.
1887342	May 24, 1941	Fort Worth, Texas	Chicago, Illinois.
1887346	June 11, 1941	Fort Worth, Texas	Chicago, Illinois.
1887348	June 13, 1941	Fort Worth, Texas	Chicago, Illinois.
1887349	July 7, 1941	Fort Worth, Texas	Chicago, Illinois.
1941347) Proc.	(Feb. 8, 1941	Washington, D.C.	Los Angeles, California.
1943922) Foods	(May 26, 1941	Washington, D.C.	Harlingen, Texas.
2405734	Sept. 20, 1941	Bellingham, Wash.	Seattle, Washington.
2405959	Oct. 11, 1941	Fort Worth, Texas	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



4a. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RETIREMENT CIRCULAR NO. 100 ISSUED JANUARY, 29, 1942, FURNISHES INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION OF THE RETIREMENT LAW, AS AMENDED BY THE ACT APPROVED JANUARY 24, 1942.

All employees of the Service, regardless of status or tenure of service, are now subject to the provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Law and deductions must be withheld from the basic salary of all employees.

The Act provides that contributions are mandatory, effective as of January 24, 1942, and since proper pay roll deductions were not currently taken on rolls covering services from and after January 24, 1942 to February 15, 1942, it will be necessary to delete from the regular semi-monthly pay rolls the names of temporary employees, agents, etc., who were not subject to retirement coverage prior to January 24, 1942, and who have not made contributions to the retirement fund through pay roll deductions since January 24, 1942.

Special pay rolls covering the services of employees for the period February 16 to 28, deleted from the regular pay rolls, shall be forwarded to the Chief Fiscal Officer, Agricultural Marketing Service, Washington, D. C. for adjustment and completion. These special pay rolls should be prepared by the field office in accordance with established procedure, except that the net amount will not be indicated. The rolls should show the name of the employee, designation, grade, classification, salary rate, and the gross amount earned during the period, and related remarks should be entered in the space provided therefor if and when required. The amount of retirement deduction and the net amount due, together with applicable remarks pertinent to the deduction, will be entered on the pay roll by the Budget and Accounts Section. After the adjustment entries have been made, the pay rolls be transmitted to the approving officer for necessary processing prior to submission for payment.

Field pay rolls covering services rendered subsequent to March 1, 1942 will be prepared by the field office to provide for regular current deductions from the basic salary of all employees. The rate of contribution to the retirement fund is  $3\frac{1}{2}$  percent during the period January 24 to June 30, 1942 and will be increased to 5 percent from and after July 1, 1942.

With respect to employees designated as "Agent, Federal Control" or "Agent, Not Allocated, Cooperative Control," pay roll deductions of the retirement contribution are to be calculated on the aggregate amount of Federal and State or cooperative salary payments made to the employees. Pay rolls covering services rendered by these agents will show on the voucher form, in addition to the data now required, the amount of retirement contribution calculated as described above, with related adjustment in stating the net amount paid, and the notation "percent of (aggregate salary). Cooperating Agency pays (amount paid)." For example:

		<u>Gross</u>	<u>Retirement</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
CAF-7	Agent (F.C.)				
Dee, John	\$2,000	\$83.33	\$3.80	\$79.53	$3\frac{1}{2}$ percent of \$2600 Coop. Agency pays \$600
Agent (N.A.)	C. C.				
Doe, John	\$500	\$25.00	\$3.80	\$21.20	$3\frac{1}{2}$ percent of \$2600 Coop. Agency pays \$200

A copy of Retirement Circular No. 100 is enclosed with this Division Letter.



-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE F (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) PAGES OF THE CODE:  
(Effective February 28)

On the F (Shipments and Receipts) page of the code, change the meanings of

FAD	Council Bluff passings to	
FAD	Washington express passings	
FEG	Hagerstown	to
FEG	Geneva	
FEL	Hazelton	to
FEL	Kingston, N.Y.	
FOD	Montreal	to
FOD	Pawtucket	
FOH	Watuppa	to
FOH	Reading	
FOM	Toronto	to
FOM	Rutherford, N.J.	
FOS	Probably incomplete,	to
FOS	Tamaqua	
FOT	Slightly incomplete,	to
FOT	Trenton	
FOV	Very incomplete,	to
FOV	Waterford	
FUH	N. Hawthorne, N.J.	to
FUH	Williamsport	

On the F (Shipments and Receipts) page of the code, add

FEC	Fitchburg
FEP	Linden, N.J.
FEY	Mamaroneck
FEZ	Medina, N.Y.
FIC	North Abington
FUC	Watertown, N.Y.
FUK	Worcester

2b. ONLY 75 FIELD STATION SUMMARIES NOW NEEDED BY WASHINGTON OFFICE

As one means of conserving paper only 75 copies of the summaries or reviews issued by temporary field stations at the close of a season now need to be sent to the Washington office. This is a reduction from previous instructions requesting 100 copies.

Address these summaries directly to

Mrs. Martha B. Gray, A.M.S. Files  
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture  
Room 2059, South Building  
Washington, D.C.

3b. SEND UNUSED AND INACTIVE ADDRESSOGRAPH PLATES TO WASHINGTON

Temporary and permanent field stations are requested to send all addressograph plates, inactive and unused, to the Washington office. Care should be exercised in the packing of these plates. If sent by mail, the plates should be wrapped in several layers of thick cardboard, plain or corrugated, to keep them from being bent or broken. In the future when 50 or more plates are accumulated they should be packed and forwarded to the Washington office.

4b. FURNISHING CORRECT REPORTS

The following excerpt from a letter recently received is self-explanatory:

"We keep a file of daily market reports from several offices, and quite frequently we lose a copy in the mail. When this happens, we write to the office and give them the date and number of the specific report required. We have found, over a period of the past two years, that it takes an average of two letters to get the correct report. Sometimes we get them correctly on the first request, usually on the second, but occasionally it takes three requests to give us what we want.

"We are unable to understand why the branch offices should be so careless about handling these simple requests, because every mistake entails more expense, both for the Government and for us."

It is readily apparent that a satisfactory reply to such a complaint is impossible. Two or three letters should not be necessary to secure a copy of any of any particular market report. It will be appreciated therefore, if each field representative in charge of an office will caution whoever handles such requests to be sure the correct report is furnished.

5b. DISCREPANCIES IN SHIPMENTS AS PUBLISHED BY PERMANENT FIELD OFFICES

During the past few days a check of the shipment reports as published February 13 by the various permanent Field Offices has been made. Considerable discrepancies were found in reports released by the different offices. Some of these discrepancies are due to errors in decoding and in typing, a few to telegraphic errors, and a few to failure of those who decode the telegraphic reports to follow some of the instructions sent out by the Washington Office in the Division Letters and otherwise.

A copy of your report for February 13, 1942, with notations dealing with shipments is being sent to you by mail for your information and attention.

6b. ANNUAL LEAVE

Although the extent to which relief may be furnished to permit the taking of consecutive leave is uncertain, each field and city office man is requested to advise, at his earliest convenience, his preference for annual leave for the coming spring, summer and fall. It is essential that this advice be received sufficiently in advance of the vacation season to work out the most satisfactory relief arrangements possible. Please furnish your leave preferences by not later than April 1. Anyone who does not wish to take extended leave this year may omit replying and it will be understood that no leave is desired.



7b. DRY-PACK LETTUCE (REPLY REQUESTED)

The following memorandum received from J.A. Hunter on dry-pack lettuce is believed to be of general interest:

"The distant shipment of dry-pack lettuce is a relatively new and possibly developing business. It is still in the experimental stage but has already reached sizeable proportions although the shipping business is confined to relatively few parties.

"The lettuce, as a rule, is cut at night while the field heat is at the lowest. Care is exercised to retain the full outside 'wrapper' leaves for these are important in maintaining the freshness of the lettuce. Packing is done in the field, the crates lidded and hauled direct to the refrigerator cars usually on the sidings - not over the platform.

"Four-dozen sizes are used almost entirely, although a few 5s are also dry-packed. This is chiefly because the size on the lettuce is used to make the bulge which in the case with the other pack is a build up on ice. The use of the 4-dozens plus the heavy outside wrapper leaves represents an important tonnage profit to the grower. It further furnishes him an outlet for a size that normally on an ice-pack basis sells at a discount of from 10¢ to 25¢ a crate.

"Crates are loaded on the side just as in the case of ice-pack. Dry-packers who ship to western markets load the normal ice-pack load of 312, 318, 320. Long haul dry-packers prefer a 282 crate load. This starts at each bunker as a solid tier of 20s and ends at the squeeze similarly but through the body of the car there are alternate 20 and 17 crate tiers. This is to permit a good distribution of ice around all packages.

"Subsequent to their loading which as a general thing is completed by around 10 o'clock in the morning, the cars are hauled to the precooler and the load reduced to approximately 390. It is then thoroughly 'blown' with crushed ice - a much heavier top icing is given the shipment than in the case of ice-pack. Approximately 40 blocks of ice are used and buyer usually pays around \$40.00 to \$45.00 for the total precooling and top icing service. This is just a little less than actual cost.

"Exceptional success has been had this year with arrival quality under this type of handling and a notable amount of repeat business has been developed as far east as Memphis. The bulk of the business appears to be around Chicago (not in the city proper). All of this, of course, has no reference to the dry-pack business of Western Markets which for years has been a tremendous business both truck and carlot.

"Possibilities for developing this business further would seem to be dependent on the development of good supervision and management in the field. The lettuce has to be 'strong,' the sizes have to be right and weather conditions favorable -- in other words the start of the deals rather than their clean-ups."

The western lettuce f.o.b.'s are including information on "dry-pack" lettuce. Is this of any interest on any of the markets east of Denver? If it is we will continue getting it and relaying to your circuit. If not of value we will restrict its dissemination.

B.C. Boree



## TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Stations	Mail List	In Charge	Product	First Bulletin	Probably Will Close
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Bldg.	895	R.E. Keller	Fruits Vegetables	Nov. 10 " 10	Jan. 10 April 15
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G. Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 23	April 17
*Lakeland, Florida P.O. Blx 191	920	H.F. Willson	Citrus	Oct. 1	June 20
Martinsburg, W. Va. Public Square	935-B	R.W. Kohler	Apples	Sept. 16	March 31
*Plant City, Florida State Farmers' Market P.O. Box 449	850	R.M. Peterson	Strawberries Lettuce	Dec. 18 " 18	March 14 April 11
*Pompano, Florida Farmers' State Market	937	R.M. Fox	Beans Potatoes Peppers Green Peas Tomatoes	Dec. 29 " 29 " 29 " 29 Jan. 20	March 28 " 28 " 28 Feb. 28 March 28
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	842-R	S.W. Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 16	April 30
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J. C. Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 2 " 2 " 2 " 2 " 24 " 2 " 2 " 4 Oct. 6	May 19 Feb. 21 May 19 Dec. 15 Oct. 7 April 21 Oct. 27 Sept. 23 May 5
*Sanford, Florida	910	W.J. Chastain	Celery	Jan. 23	May 29
*Waupaca, Wis. Court House	894-R	P.A. Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 2	March 31
Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E. Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Nov. 3 " 15	March 31 May 31
THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATE INDICATED					
*Phoenix, Arizona	815	J.A. Hunter	Lettuce	March 9	April 18
THE FOLLOWING STATION WILL CLOSE ON THE DATE INDICATED					
*Brawley, California Planters Hotel Bldg.	933	J.A. Hunter	Lettuce	Jan. 2	March 4
* State cooperating					

## -INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. GIVE INSPECTION REPORTS TO ARMY OFFICIALS ON REQUEST

Reports of any inspections that have been made of cars of produce which have been purchased by the Army may be given to any purchasing official or other representative of the Quartermaster Corps on request. No charge should be made for information of this kind. It will not be necessary to furnish copies of certificates which have been reported in this way unless such copies are requested by an Army official or buyer of one of the 30 offices in which fruits and vegetables are being purchased for the Army.

2f. LATE BLIGHT ALWAYS TO BE TREATED AS A FACTOR OF CONDITION

In Paragraph 94 of Market Inspection of Potatoes the statement "However, the well advanced stages found after about one month after harvesting has been completed in the late producing states should be counted against grade" was based on the assumption that the potatoes would be stored and moved at temperatures which would not permit material development during transit. There are, however, certain conditions under which this would not be the case and so it has been felt best to eliminate this sentence from the paragraph on Late Blight Tuber Rot and always treat it as a factor of condition in receiving markets.

There may be occasional cases when the time between shipping point and destination inspections, the size of the lesions and/or other conditions show conclusively that the shipping point certificate was incorrect. Reversal in such cases will be authorized by the Washington office. It is particularly important that full information be furnished in such cases.

3f. DISCOLORATION OF THE VASCULAR RING OF POTATOES

The discoloration of the vascular ring which has been quite common in certain shipments of Katahdin-Chippewa type potatoes should be described as "discoloration of the vascular ring" under the Condition heading and treated as a condition factor. This discoloration has many of the characteristics of Fusarium Wilt and Black Leg. However, the pathologists are not certain as to this disease.

In most cases this discoloration can be detected externally by the small, sunken brown spot at the point of attachment of the stem. This is especially true in severe cases. Furthermore, it is more common on large size potatoes. Inspectors should not become too critical in scoring this factor when the discoloration is only slight and it does not penetrate very far into the tuber.

4f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Warsaw, Indiana.

" Mexican tomatoes and other imports wire R.H. Bertelson, 305 American Ave.,  
Nogales, Arizona.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,  
Nebraska.

" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebr.

F.G. Robb



OFFICE NOTES

William G. Meal left Washington on February 14 for a two-week trip to points in Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas to confer with members of the Fruit and Vegetable Division and others regarding various activities of the Division.

Karl Winsor reported to duty in Philadelphia on February 16 in connection with the work of the farm products inspection service.

T.C. Curry left Washington on February 19 to visit points in Arizona, California, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Oregon, Texas and Washington to investigate complaints under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act.

The new address of the Los Angeles office of the California Department of Agriculture is Room 308 Produce Building, 1315 E. 7th Street.

Herman B. Swett, until recently of the processed foods office at Rochester, New York, spent February 19, 20, and 21 in the Washington office en route to Alabama, where he will make peanut butter inspections for the Surplus Marketing Administration as well as other miscellaneous inspections for other Government agencies.

Alfred Ethridge, a new processed foods inspector, will report for duty at Winter Haven, Florida, on February 23. Mr. Ethridge has had considerable experience in the processing and distribution of canned vegetables in the State of New York and has recently been assisting the New York office in connection with the sampling and loading of lots of processed foods.

Albert K. Baylow, who was employed as a processed foods inspector during the summer of 1941 in connection with the continuous inspection service at the Spencer Packing Company plant at Lebanon, Oregon, has now been given an assignment in Florida. Mr. Baylow reported for duty at Winter Haven on February 10 and will probably be assigned to continuous inspection work at one of the plants in that area.

George B. Crisp of the Winter Haven, Florida, processed foods office advises that in a recent supplement to the Field Office Directory the address of the Winter Haven office is shown as 10-11 Postal Arcade Building, telephone number 28-521, whereas the correct address is U.S. Citrus Products Station, P.O. Box 862, and the telephone number is 29-323. Mr. Crisp's residence telephone number is 28-744.

Ray C. Richardson is assisting with the administrative work of the Washington processed foods office for two or three weeks. During his absence from the P. J. Ritter Company, where he has been in charge of the continuous factory inspection work, Mr. Richardson is being replaced by C.E. Partridge of the Philadelphia office.



5f. MISBRANDING CASES UNDER THE PERISHABLE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES ACT

More than 100 cases of misbranding have been satisfactorily adjusted since the work was assigned to the PACA for handling. In the majority of cases, the seller has been required to obliterate, or correct, the grade marks before the goods are offered for sale. In these instances, the buyer, or consignee, is placed on notice that if he offers the misbranded goods for sale, without correcting, or obliterating, the grade marks, he is subjecting himself to disciplinary action.

The PACA reports excellent cooperation from some inspectors, while others have apparently ignored entirely all previous instructions for reporting misbranding cases. In order to clarify any misunderstanding which may exist, all inspectors, both at shipping point and destination, are instructed to report by wire to H. A. Spilman or T. C. Curry any flagrant violations of misbranding. The individual inspector will be informed of the final outcome of handling the case.

By flagrant cases are meant those in which the presence of unquestionable grade defects is so far in excess of the tolerance permitted that the marking is clearly not a case of honest error; for example, a car of potatoes containing an average of 15% permanent grade defects, or a car of apples with 10% or more clearly below the minimum size stamped on the container. Lots which show a wide range are particularly objectionable and should be reported even though the average is slightly below 15% or 10% as the case may be.

The PACA will welcome and give consideration to any suggestions which you may have in mind for the handling of this work. The full cooperation of all inspectors in the markets and at shipping point is expected.

W.G. Meal

- STANDARDIZATION AND RESEARCH -

1c. STAINING OF NORTHERN-GROWN ONIONS

The original instructions as to when a lot of onions is considered damaged by staining was discussed in item 1d, Division Letter of Dec. 3, 1926, which stated in part:

"In regard to the amount of staining permitted in the U.S. No. 1 grade, it is believed that, in a lot of yellow onions of which 20% are stained, not over 1/4 of this amount or 5% should be badly stained. In a lot of white onions of which 15% are stained, not over 1/3 of this amount or 5% should be badly stained. These percentages will serve as a guide to inspectors in determining whether a lot is in grade or out of grade on account of 'damage by dirt' and shall be in addition to the 5% tolerance allowed for defects other than 'damage by dirt.'"

This information was later incorporated in the Standards but there seems to have arisen a question as to the amount of different kinds of staining permitted. The intent of the grade is to use 15% appreciably stained plus 5% badly stained onions as a guide in determining whether or not a lot of yellow, brown or red onions is damaged by staining and in the case of white onions, 10% appreciably stained plus 5% badly stained. It should be stressed that these percentages are given as a guide. If a lot of yellow onions had 15% which were appreciably stained and 5% which were badly stained, and most of the remainder of the lot showed staining of a lesser degree, but approached that which is called appreciably stained, then the lot should be considered as damaged by staining. If another lot of yellow onions contained slightly over 20% of appreciably stained but no badly stained onions and most of the lot had none or very little staining it should not be considered as damaged by staining.

R. R. Pailthorp

- PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE -

1d. The following is an excerpt from an address given by Lt. Col. Paul P. Logan of the Office of the Quartermaster General, War Department, at the National Canners Convention in Chicago, Illinois, on January 26, 1942.

"But getting back to the Procurement Program - we had to organize a system of inspection entirely different than the one then in use. Our system of inspection at destination had been economically unsound - because every rejection caused delay in obtaining the material wanted and financial loss to the contractor. The new system was that of making inspection at contractors' plant. Inspectors were obtained from Agricultural Marketing Service specialists who were, through the good offices of Paul Williams, strategically assigned to various parts of the country. How satisfactory the system has worked is best attested by the fact that, with ten times the purchases of previous years, we have had less than one tenth the complaints received under the old system."

2d. NEW PROCESSED RAISINS STANDARDS

Tentative United States Standards for Grades of Processed Raisins will become effective as of March 2, 1942. The standards are based on experience gained by members of the Processed Foods inspection staff in handling the examination of large quantities of processed raisins offered for delivery to the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and to other Government agencies during the past two years.

The grade nomenclature of U.S. Grade A, U.S. Grade B, and Off-Grade, as used in the raisin standards is a departure from the usual grade terms of the dried fruit industry. The trade terms of Extra Fancy, Fancy, Extra Choice, and Standard are grades with only minor distinctions, such as size.

It is felt that the tentative standards reflect actual quality differences that exist in processed raisins.

3d. PROCESSED FOODS TRAINING CLASSES

Two training classes are now being organized for prospective inspectors of processed fruits and vegetables. The first class, for which approximately 25 invitations have been extended, will be held in Chicago during the week of March 2 and will be in charge of L. S. Fenn of that office. The second class, which will doubtless be even larger than the first, will convene on March 9 in the New York processed foods office.

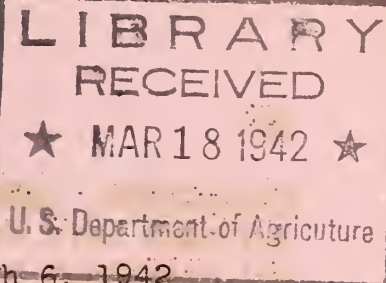
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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

1a. CONTAINERS, CARLOADS, CHANGES IN TRANSPORTATION METHODS, CAR SHORTAGES

Replies from market news men and inspectors to paragraphs 3a and 3b of the Division Letter of February 6, have furnished information on the container situation, increase in size of carloads, changes in transportation methods, and availability of cars and delays in loading and unloading. It is important to have these reports continued at intervals as the local situations change or new conditions arise. We would like our representatives in the markets to report also any effects of heavier loading on the products and the reaction of the trade regarding these changes.

Following is a brief summary of reports received:

Container situation: Reports from Maine, Western New York, Michigan, Idaho and Oregon indicate that there will probably be enough or nearly enough burlap sacks in which to market the current crop of old potatoes. Many of the large shippers have practically enough sacks on hand for the requirements during the remainder of the season. Second-hand sacks are being used, especially by the smaller scale operators. Some scarcity and advanced prices are also reported for the used sacks. Wisconsin potato shippers are reported as facing a serious sack shortage as only about half of the dealers have enough sacks on hand to finish the season. Operators on the Chicago market consider the situation serious in regard to potato sacks. In some States as Maine and New York, there has been some increase in the use of the 50-pound paper bag as a potato container. There is interest in the possibility of cotton sacks as a replacement for some burlap sacks. Some shippers plan to use cotton bags for seed shipments this spring. An increase in bulk shipments is, of course, a possibility, but this method of loading has not as yet been necessary for any significant volume. Wood containers for potatoes are being considered. An interesting development in Maine is the use by one potato shipper of the Bruce box holding 100 pounds net and loaded 400 boxes to the car.

A continued increase in the use of boxes instead of bushel baskets for Michigan fruit is reported. A reason for this trend is that about 20 percent more boxes than baskets can be loaded on a truck.

Increase in size of carloads: Some increase in size of carloads has occurred principally in potato loads from 36,000 pounds to 40,000 pounds per car with a few loads heavier than 40,000 pounds. The most significant increase in size of loads was reported in Michigan where for the first half of February approximately 20 percent of the rail shipments were 40,000 pound loads. It should be kept in mind that only about 30 percent of the Michigan movement is by rail. Truck loads have not been increased in Michigan as a maximum limit is set by the State Highway Department. In Idaho and several other States, a few shipments of 40,000 pound



CONTAINERS, CARLOADS, CHANGES IN TRANSPORTATION METHODS, CAR SHORTAGES (cont'd carloads have been reported. For the late potato sections as a whole, probably not more than 1 or 2 percent of the cars shipped are being loaded heavier than in former years. Washington and Montana apples were reported as being generally loaded 798 boxes to the car instead of 756. Some loads of Idaho onions of 720 sacks instead of 600 sacks were reported but the heavier onion loading will probably not be used when the weather becomes warmer. A 20 percent increase in quantity of sacked carrots and beets loaded per car and a 45 percent increase in weight of bulk loads of these products were reported by a few Western New York shippers. Some shipments of Mexican tomatoes arriving in Chicago were reported as containing 725 lugs per car instead of the usual 625.

Changes in transportation methods: Reports from some States indicate that larger proportions of shipments are moving by rail. In Western New York, for example, there has been some increase in rail over truck movement. Some Wisconsin dealers estimate that to date this year, the proportion of the potato movement represented by truck shipments has been less than half of that for the corresponding period last year. Information from some of the markets shows a decline in truck receipts. For example, Chicago truck receipts of fruits and vegetables in January were 20 percent less than in January last year. Reasons given for the shift from truck to rail shipment are: tire shortage; trucks used more profitably in other ways; truckers can get better jobs; some reductions during the last season in certain rail freight rates.

Availability of cars and delays in loading and unloading: The reports in general are to the effect that no serious car shortage situation has developed, and only a few instances of delays of several days to two weeks in unloading cars have come to the attention of our men.

W.G. Meal

2a. P.A.C.A. DECISION ON PERCENTAGE CERTIFICATION

In a recent decision by the Secretary in a PACA case involving tomatoes sold to be 85% U.S. No. 1 or better, the Secretary made the following statement:

"Any certificate issued by the Federal or Federal-State Food Products Inspection Service must be interpreted in the light of the grade referred to, and the facts set forth in the certificate. A certificate, showing the produce referred to therein as being of a percentage of a U. S. grade, cannot be considered as indicating that good delivery has been made on a contract calling for such percentage of the grade, if it shows an amount of decay or other factors causing progressive deterioration in excess of the tolerance provided in the grade. In determining whether good delivery has been made on a contract calling for produce of a certain percentage of a U.S. grade, there must be applied the tolerances provided in the grade for decay or other factors causing progressive deterioration."

A statement will appear in the next Division Letter under "Inspection" as to the policy which will be followed in the future in making statements under "Grade" on certificates covering "percentage cars."

W.G. Meal



3a. INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT UNDER LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

On February 19, 1942, W.A. DeVaughan, issued the following instructions:

\* \* \* "In the event that an employee under letter of authorization exceeds the authorized period of employment, the field representative responsible for the employment of such person will be held personally responsible and will personally have to assume the obligation incurred, compensating the employee for the period of time rendered in excess of the authorized period.

"Instructions relating to this matter have been adequately described and through memoranda and conferences with the Personnel Office and the Budget and Accounts Office been clearly defined. The procedure for handling letter of authorization employment and the various limitations have been in effect long enough for all persons both in Washington and in the Field handling such matters to be fully informed as to their limitations."

4a. DELIVERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY NOT TO BE MADE TO FEDERAL BUILDINGS

Page 12 of The A.M.S. News dated February 16, 1942, carries an item under the above heading. Each employee is urged to read the item.

5a. DISTRIBUTION OF POSTER ENTITLED "THE ENEMY IS LISTENING."

"There is being distributed with this issue of the D.L. a poster entitled 'The Enemy is Listening.' This poster is distributed at the request of Mr. C.W. Kitchen, who writes as follows:

" \* \* \* The Agricultural Marketing Service is doing a great deal of work directly connected with the war effort. I cannot emphasize too strongly the need for caution by all of our employees in discussing any matter and particularly the official work that our whole organization is doing for other governmental agencies engaged in war work. A small bit of information, a chance remark or comment, may do untold damage to our country.

"The inspection force should be particularly careful. The inspection of a cargo or ship's supplies must not be discussed with anyone. The volume of inspections, the time and place of inspection or the commodities inspected for Lend-Lease, the Army, Navy or other governmental agency should be held strictly confidential. In handling the inspection work for the Army or the Navy, it is frequently necessary for the heads of the field offices to know something of current and prospective plans. Under no circumstances should these be discussed with anyone either inside or outside of the Service, except where necessary in the performance of their official duties or contracts. Frequently the market news office will have information on the movement of ships, which, of course, is not published, but neither should it be discussed.

"If it is necessary to communicate confidential information to other offices the head of the office should note on the letter and envelope 'Confidential - For Personal Attention.' Such letters should be sealed by the head of the office and all carbons retained in a special file under lock. Incoming letters so marked should be sorted out in the mail room and delivered with the seal unbroken to the addressee.



DISTRIBUTION OF POSTER ENTITLED "THE ENEMY IS LISTENING" (cont'd)

It is, of course, impossible to define all of the types of information that should be handled confidentially. Therefore, it is up to you to decide whether the information would be useful to the enemy. If you think that it would be of comfort or aid to the enemy, then don't talk about it. And if it is necessary in your official work to communicate it to another office, use the procedure outlined for confidential information."

6a. SURPLUS COPIES OF DIVISION LETTERS

The Washington office has a few surplus copies of most of the Division Letters for the calendar years 1939 and 1940. Requests for specific copies will be filled so far as possible, up to April 20, after which date they will be discarded.

- PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE -

1d. W.P.B. OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON PROCESSED FOODS INSPECTION SERVICE

In recent addresses before meetings of canners associations, A.E. Meyer, Consultant on Canned Foods, Food Supply Branch, Division of Purchases, commenting upon previous procurement procedure in contrast with today's procedure with reference to Army and Navy purchases, made the following remarks which will be of interest to all processed foods inspectors:

"Then inspection was made at point of delivery. If the quality were found unsatisfactory at delivery point when the goods had been labeled and cased, when freight had been paid and they were far from home, substitution of satisfactory goods was very expensive and disposal of the rejected ones difficult. Now inspection is being performed before labeling at the point of origin by personnel of the Agricultural Marketing Service, paid by the Army and acting as Army inspectors. Nothing needs to be said to those who have had experience with the present inspection service as to how valuable and how satisfactory it is. To those who have not had experience with it, we are glad to say that the handling of the inspection problem through the use of AMS personnel by the Army and Navy has been most satisfactory. The inspectors are fine, well trained men. Their service has been invaluable both to the Government and to the canning industry."

2d. NEW HOURLY RATE TO BE CHARGED ON PROCESSED FOODS INSPECTIONS

A memorandum will be sent all inspectors shortly outlining, among other things, how charges are to be computed when handling inspections for other Government agencies. Our rate of \$2.60 per hour was based on a 7-hour day. Owing to the fact that the Government is now working on an 8-hour per day basis, while the rate of \$18.00 per day still obtains, the hourly rate of \$2.25 is to be used instead of \$2.60. This becomes effective April 1, 1942.

Paul M. Williams



## -MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO THE GOB, PA-PE AND SUPPLEMENT TO T-V PAGES OF THE CODE  
(Effective March 20)

On the GOB (Miscellaneous F.O.B. Phrases) page of the code change

GOBUB carloads f.o.b. usual terms  
 GOBUC carloads f.o.b. cash track  
 GOBUD carloads f.o.b. cash track to growers  
 GOBUG truckloads cash to growers  
 GOBUH warehouse cash to growers  
 GOBUL straight and mixed cars f.o.b. usual terms  
 GOBUV Sandland District; cars f.o.b. usual terms,  
 Minneapolis-St. Paul rate

to read

GOBUB sales f.o.b. shipping point  
 GOBUC delivered sales, shipping point basis  
 GOBUD wire sales, f.o.b. shipping point  
 GOBUG sales to local buyers  
 GOBUH price to growers  
 GOBUL in straight and mixed cars  
 GOBUV Sandland District, Minneapolis-St. Paul rate

Strike out meanings for

GOBON	GOBUM
GOBOQ	GOBUN
GOBOY	GOBUP
GOBOZ	GOBUQ
GOBUF	GOBUS
GOBUJ	GOBUY
GOBUK	GOBUZ

On the PA-PE (POTATO) page of the code change

PEB 150-lb. sacks to read  
 PEB 50-lb. paper sacks

On the SUPPLEMENT TO T AND V page of the code add

OC wire sales higher  
 IR wire sales \_\_\_\_\_¢ higher

2b. REQUIRED COPIES OF MARKET REPORTS

The required number of copies of market reports for the offices listed below have been changed as follows:

<u>Formerly required</u>	<u>Now required</u>	<u>Formerly required</u>	<u>Now required</u>
Baltimore 10	8	Kansas City 8	6
Boston 10	8	Minneapolis 8	6
Chicago 10	8	Pittsburgh 10	6
Cleveland 10	8	Portland 8	6
New York 12	8	St. Louis 8	6
Philadelphia 10	8	Denver 8	5
Atlanta 8	6		
Detroit 8	6	Weekly Summary of	
Ft. Worth 8	6	Carlot Shipments--25	15

3b. F.O.B. PHRASES

Effective March 20, five new f.o.b. phrases are being substituted for the following old f.o.b. phrases GOBON, GOBOQ, GOBOY, GOBOZ, GOBUB, GOBUC, GOBUD, GOBUF, GOBUG, GOBUH, GOBUJ, GOBUK, GOBUM, GOBUN, GOBUP, GOBUQ, GOBUS, GOBUY, and GOBUZ, which have been used for some years in describing bases of sale at shipping points. In addition, the phrases GOBUL and GOBUV are being amended to delete any mention of "usual terms" and "cash track." The phrases being discontinued are either now obsolete or so little used under present conditions as to be of slight value for current market reporting. The new phrases, the use of which becomes effective on March 20, are, it is believed, <sup>much</sup> more explanatory of current trade practices, and much simpler.

The new phrases do not provide for any segregation between carload sales and truckload sales since in most shipping sections no difference in price exists between carloads and truckloads of stock of comparable quality.

These new phrases are:

GOBUB sales f.o.b. shipping point  
GOBUC delivered sales, shipping point basis  
GOBUD wire sales, f.o.b. shipping point  
GOBUG sales to local buyers  
GOBUH price to growers

The phrase "Sales f.o.b. shipping point" will, it is believed, be sufficient for most of our f.o.b.'s or shipping point reports, and will replace such old phrases as "cash track" and "usual terms" and their variations. "Delivered sales, shipping point basis" is to replace the old GOBUN and variations. "Wire sales f.o.b. shipping point" is a phrase intended to cover such sales on wire orders as are out of line or higher than the current f.o.b. sales and should be used only when a situation exists that cannot be adequately explained by the phrases "wire sales higher" or "wire sales \_\_\_\_¢ higher." The phrase "Sales to local buyers" is thought to be self-explanatory. In some shipping sections local buyers speculate on their own account, buying locally when the market appears promising with the expectation of being able to resell either locally or to distant points at a profit. We should include original sales only, disregarding resales of this character. "Price to growers" is also self-explanatory and is intended to replace the old "Cash to growers" and variations.

It is anticipated that there will be some objections to these new phrases and that a few further amendments or changes may become necessary. It will be appreciated, however, if each field man will try to be as helpful as possible in explaining any misunderstandings on the part of those using our service. Please do not hesitate for a while to use supplementary English if thought advisable. The need for English, however, will probably diminish after the above phrases have been used for a while.

B. C. Boree



TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Bldg.	895	R.E.Keller	Fruits Vegetables	Nov. 10 " 10	Jan. 10 April 15
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 23	April 17
*Lakeland, Florida P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Oct. 1	June 20
Martinsburg, W.Va. Public Square	935-B	R.W.Kohler	Apples	Sept. 16	March 31
*Phoenix, Arizona	815	J.A.Hunter	Lettuce	March 10	April 18
*Plant City, Florida State Farmers' Market P.O. Box 449	850	R.M.Peterson	Strawberries Lettuce	Dec. 18 " 18	March 14 April 11
*Pompano, Florida Farmers' State Market	937	R.M.Fox	Beans Potatoes Peppers Green Peas Tomatoes	Dec. 29 " 29 " 29 " 29 Jan. 20	March 28 " 28 " 28 Feb. 28 March 28
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*Sanford, Florida	910	W.J.Chastain	Celery	Jan. 23	May 29
*Waupaca, Wis. Court House	894-R	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 2	March 31
Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Nov. 3 " 15	March 31 May 31

\* State cooperating



OFFICE NOTES

Because of a recent move of the San Francisco General Depot from Fort Mason to Oakland, California, Louis V. Bryant of the Processed Foods Section should now be addressed as follows: New Administration Building, 1st Floor, Wing 2, San Francisco General Depot, Oakland Port of Embarkation, Outer Harbor, Oakland, Calif. The telephone number is Twinoaks 4100, local Nos. 2390 and 2391. Mr. Bryant's residence address is now 1547 Hopkins St., Berkeley, California, and his telephone number is Thornwall 1582.

Francis J. McQuaid of the Chicago processed foods office has now reported at Weslaco, Texas, where he will assist W.L. Harris.

Harris Richard, who has been in charge of the continuous factory inspection work at the Marshall Canning Company, Marshalltown, Iowa, since last July, has now been assigned to the Winter Haven, Florida, office.

N. E. Dale of the Philadelphia processed foods office reported on March 2 at the plant of Mitchell Canneries, Inc., Fort Meade, Florida, where he will assist with the continuous inspection work.

E.P. Arnold, processed foods inspector, has been temporarily assigned to the P.J. Ritter Company, Bridgeton, New Jersey, to assist in continuous factory inspection work. Mr. Arnold has just completed an inspection assignment for the F.S.C.C. at New Bedford, Massachusetts.

John R. VanGorder until recently stationed at the Bercut-Richards Packing Company, Sacramento, California, has now been called into active service in the Army.

James W. Osborne of the Chicago processed foods office was recently transferred to the Winter Haven, Florida, office.

Max Mergentime of the Chicago office will visit points in northeastern Texas for the purpose of inspecting purchases for the Army and the F.S.C.C.

Malcolm N. Edmonston is now in charge of the fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office at Trenton, N.J., replacing Bailey S. Rich, who recently resigned.

On March 3, Mrs. E.T. Linderer, processed foods inspector of the Washington office, attended a consumer interest training course sponsored by the local Office of Civilian Defense to prepare adult leaders for consumer education courses in their own communities or in communities where their services may be utilized in teaching the consumer's role in the war emergency. Mrs. Linderer's discussion and demonstration of the grading of canned tomatoes was a portion of the program devoted to food buying. Keen interest in grade labeling and government inspected merchandise was shown by the questions of the group concerning the grades of various commodities.

John E. Dodds spent March 2 to 4 in Chicago. He gave several talks on policy and personally interviewed each of the men in attendance at the training class for prospective processed foods inspectors.

A.H. Polster, now in charge of the St. Louis fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office, advises that his residence address is 1953 Alfred Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Residence telephone: Laclede 4861.



-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. APPEAL INSPECTIONS REQUESTED BY THE QUARtermaster CORPS

When a representative of the Quartermaster Corps requests an inspection of a lot of fruits or vegetables which is in dispute, the inspector should determine whether the complaint is based on quality or condition. If on condition the usual charges for a condition inspection should be made and be assessed against the contractor if the lot was found to be below specifications. If it met the specifications the charges should be assessed against the Quartermaster Corps.

If the request by the Quartermaster Corps alleges failure to meet specifications because of quality rather than condition defects the same procedure with reference to assessing charges as outlined above should be followed if the car was not inspected at shipping point. If it did carry a shipping point certificate the inspection is an appeal and should be so handled. The usual charges for an appeal inspection should be made against the Quartermaster Corps if the shipping point certificate is sustained. No fee will be charged against the contractor if the shipping point is reversed. The traveling expenses of the inspector in case of reversal may be charged against the contractor if this would have been done in an ordinary commercial.

Because the Quartermaster Corps will sometimes have to pay for inspections which it requests and sometimes these will be paid by the other party, it is felt best to omit from the certificate any mention of the charges. The usual FPI-2 should be used to bill charges against the contractor. The charges against the Quartermaster Corps should be forwarded to Washington on an FPI-19.

The above arrangements for the payment of charges are to apply only to inspections requested by the Quartermaster Corps which has advised that it has an understanding with contractors that the Army will pay for such inspections when its inspectors are wrong and will expect the contractor to pay if the car failed to meet contract specifications.

2f. TWO NEW U.S. STANDARDS DISTRIBUTED TO INSPECTORS

Copies of U.S. Standards for Carrots with Short-Trimmed Tops, effective March 2, 1942, which are issued for the first time, and revised U.S. Standards for Strawberries, effective March 23, 1942 have been mailed to all inspectors. A U.S. Combination grade has been added to the Strawberry Standards and a slight change made in the U.S. No. 1 grade which permits berries having similar varietal characteristics to qualify for U.S. No. 1 grade. A tolerance for size was omitted in the U.S. No. 2 grade. Amended Strawberry Standards correcting this error are enclosed with this Division Letter.

3f. ENCLOSURE

Enclosed with this Division Letter, for each inspector are copies of Circular No. 447, "The Freezing Temperatures of Some Fruits, Vegetables, and Florists' Stocks" and Mis. Pub. No. 440, "Market Diseases of Fruits and Vegetables, Asparagus, Onions, Beans, Peas, Carrots, Celery, and Related Vegetables."

4f. ANALYSIS OF DATA RELATIVE TO THE MATURITY OF FLORIDA EARLY AND MID-SEASON COMMON SWEET ORANGES, SEASONS 1938, 1939 and 1940

The above heading is the title of a 20-page mimeographed publication being distributed with this D.L. for each inspector. William E. Lewis compiled the publication.



Division Letter, March 6, 1942

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES  
(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

January, 1942

Cities	Hospitals	Public Health and Veterans' : N.Y. Medic- al center	Federal Agencies	State : County & City : Insti- tutions	Steamship Lines
Baltimore	-	-	-	19,097	11,791
Boston	-	-	-	289,034	-
Chicago	6,859	-	-	-	-
Cleveland	11,121	-	-	-	-
Detroit	15,971	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	56,694	-	-	-	-
Hartford	11,594	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	225,313	-	-	53,821	-
Memphis	7,824	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	60,380	-	-	110,554	-
Newark	100,837	-	-	65,740	-
New Orleans	-	-	-	-	14,785
New York	93,020	233,621	10,952	2,148,035	1,534,519
Philadelphia	81,380	-	-	270,769	-
Pittsburgh	33,590	-	-	78,113	-
St. Louis	30,695	-	-	215,112	-
San Diego	-	-	1,010	-	-
Seattle	-	-	8,215	-	-
Washington, D.C.	-	-	41,274	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>735,278</b>	<b>233,621</b>	<b>61,451</b>	<b>3,250,275</b>	<b>1,561,095</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>5,841,720</b>				

5f. MINIMUM SIZE OF APPLES FOR EXPORT SHIPMENT TO CANADA

The attention of all inspectors is called to paragraph 13 on page 5 of the amendment to the Canadian Fruit, Vegetable, and Honey Act which was mailed to each inspector with the Division Letter of October 31, 1941. This paragraph makes 2 1/4 inch the minimum size for Canadian shipment. It is an addition to paragraph 3a on page 102 of the Fruit, Vegetables and Honey Act and Regulations 1940 Revision which has been mailed to all inspectors.

6f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Warsaw, Indiana.

" Mexican tomatoes and other imports wire R.H. Bertelson, 305 American Ave.,  
Nogales, Arizona.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,  
Nebraska.

" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,  
Nebraska.

F.G. Robb



TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JANUARY, 1942

(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Arizona	2816	New York	349
California	5961	North Dakota	2625
Colorado	2319 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ohio	160 $\frac{1}{2}$
Florida	14118	Oklahoma	15
Idaho	4842	Oregon	2341
Indiana	165	Pennsylvania	36
Iowa	18	South Carolina	9
Louisiana	590	South Dakota	54
Maine	3607 $\frac{1}{2}$	Texas	4726
Maryland	1	Utah	85*
Michigan	1602	Virginia	114
Mississippi	3	Washington	2712
Minnesota	1732 $\frac{1}{2}$	West Virginia	50
Montana	47	Wisconsin	151
Nebraska	960 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wyoming	245 $\frac{1}{2}$
New Jersey	3		
Nevada	13	TOTAL	52,472

\* There were 310 trucklots aggregating 4,401,845 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JANUARY, 1942

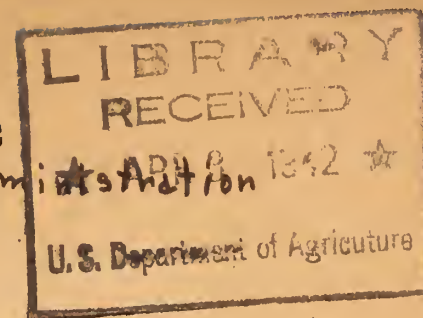
<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month Last Year</u>
Albany	8	16	Milwaukee	31	37
Atlanta	44	34	Minneapolis	51	19
Baltimore	30	40	Newark	40	20
Boston	162	147	New Haven	9	11
Buffalo	56	49	New Orleans	87	65
Chicago	387	158	New York	366	564
Cincinnati	32	20	Norfolk	4	8
Cleveland	61	47	Oklahoma City	26	22
Columbus	6	35	Philadelphia	112	67
Denver	32	28	Pittsburgh	127	182
Detroit	157	215	Portland	6	22
East Providence	-	8	Rochester	15	11
Fargo	0	1	St. Louis	50	33
Fort Worth	11	15	Salt Lake City	1	1
Harrisburg	2	1	San Francisco	9	0
Hartford	61	42	Seattle	44	26
Houston	25	20	Shreveport	36	-
Indianapolis	17	8	Tampa	1	0
Jackson	3	0	Trenton	1	0
Jacksonville	18	16	Washington, D.C.	24	5
Kansas City	58	59	TOTAL	2295	2096
Los Angeles	41	28	Total fees assessed for		Total last year
Memphis	26	16	January, 1942, \$10,263.65		\$7,667.49
Miami	18	0			

1368 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receiver's Assn., New York City.



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WASHINGTON, D.C.



AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ADMINISTRATION

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH LETTER

1a. PROPER ROUTING OF REQUISITIONS, EXPENSE ACCOUNTS, VOUCHERS, ETC.

In view of various sheets of mimeographed instructions which have reached our field offices within recent weeks, from the Office of the Assistant Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Administration, it is felt that some field offices may be confused as to the proper routing of requisitions, vouchers, etc. Requisitions of all types, expense accounts, vouchers, etc., from our field offices should, until further notice, continue to route through the office of Mrs. Mills.

2a. PER DIEM RATES

Some of our field offices have apparently received copies of "Field Operating Instructions" dated March 6, 1942, signed by Ralph W. Olmstead, Assistant Administrator, relative to a per diem rate of \$6.00 within the limits of the continental United States. These instructions read in part: "It shall be the duty of the officer directing the travel to authorize the increased per diem allowance for such trips and at such times as will result in a fair and equitable per diem allowance."

Until such time as an increased rate of per diem is formally granted by Letter of Authorization, no one may claim a greater rate of per diem than that shown in his current Letter.

3a. TAKE CARE OF TYPEWRITERS, AND ALL OFFICE MACHINES

In view of the fact that we have information to the effect that we will not be able to purchase any more typewriters, adding machines, etc., during the present emergency, each employee is urged to take the best of care of all office machines of any type, in order to prolong the life of the machine as much as possible.

OFFICE NOTES:

D. L. Smith, in charge of the New Orleans market news office was called to military duty on March 19. W.J. Chastain is being transferred to New Orleans, to take charge of that office while R.W. Kohler, having closed the temporary office at Martinsburg, is now conducting the temporary office at Sanford, formerly conducted by Mr. Chastain.

Bolling Hall has been transferred from the Atlanta inspection office to the inspection office at Cleveland, replacing H. C. McCoy who has been transferred to the Los Angeles inspection office.



## -MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. ADDITIONS TO PA-PE AND GOB PAGES OF CODE (Effective March 30)

On the PA-PE (POTATO) page of the code add  
 AR Sebagos, U.S. No. 1  
 CR Sebagos

On the GOB (MISCELLANEOUS FOB PHRASES) page of the code change  
 GODEH sales for emergency relief\* to read  
 GODEH sales for Government purchase program\*

This is in line with the instructions wired January 12, 1942, changing the meaning of FUR from "for relief" to "Government purchase." Such purchases according to Department releases, "can be used for domestic distribution to public aid families and for free school lunches, to meet requirements of the Red Cross, for shipment under the terms of the Lend-Lease Act or other special programs, or for stabilization reserves." This explanation, showing the wide possibilities in the utilization of what are described as "Government purchases," can be used if the question arises.

Purchases for Army and Navy use are not included in our use of the term "Government purchase program," but instead are included in regular commercial purchases. This also is in line with the use of the term "FUR" used with shipments.

Some of the field offices are including in their daily reports in connection with shipment statistics the following: "Note: 'Government purchases' do not include Army and Navy procurement, which are included in commercial figures." It is requested that all offices occasionally include either this phrase or one with similar meaning in their daily reports.

2b. DUNAGIN SEALING DEVICE EQUIPMENT

Operators of folding machines equipped with the Dunagin sealing device will be interested in learning of the experience of one office which has substituted a separatory funnel for the "standard" soft drink bottle as a container for glue. We are told that the separatory funnel, which is globe-shaped, 500 mm capacity, with a stopcock arrangement for controlling the flow of glue, will not only reduce wastage of glue to a minimum but also "fighting words" sometimes uttered by the users of the Coca-Cola-bottle-system of glue feeding. The separatory funnel is listed in the standard stock catalog under item 57-F-8460.

3b. ONLY 20 MARKET CITIES MONTHLY UNLOAD REPORTS NOW NEEDED BY WASHINGTON

In the interest of paper economy please send in future only 20 copies of your monthly unload report to the Washington office. In the past we have been asking for 35 to 60 copies. Please continue addressing them to

J. L. Buntin, Spec. in Transp.  
 Fruit & Vegetable Branch  
 Agricultural Marketing Administration  
 Washington, D.C.

B.C. Boree

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THE FOLLOWING STATION CLOSED ON THE DATE INDICATED					
*Martinsburg, W.Va. Public Square	935-B	R.W. Kohler	Apples	Sept. 16	March 14
THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED					
Hammond La.	802	J.C. Keller	Strawberries	April 6	May 15
*Hastings, Fla.	851	Unassigned	Potatoes	April 10	May 22
*Laredo, Texas	801	P.A. Nicholson	Onions	April 13	May 23

\* State cooperating



STANDARDIZATION AND RESEARCH1c. A SIZE STATEMENT WHICH CAN BE USED FOR ORANGES AND GRAPEFRUIT THAT FAIL TO MEET SIZE SPECIFIED UNDER "STANDARD PACK"

Many shipments of Florida oranges and grapefruit are not being packed to meet the size requirements as outlined under "Standard Pack," in the U.S. Standards for Citrus Fruits. Most of the difficulty appears to be that packages contain an excess of oversize fruit. For example, a 150 pack of oranges may show a large percentage of oranges slightly larger than 3-4/16 inches. The pack, however, may appear fairly uniform in size as the oranges do not show more than 4/16 inch variation. Such packs seem to be commercially acceptable although they do not meet the minimum and maximum size requirements as shown under "Standard Pack."

In order to describe such packs, inspectors are authorized to use the statement "Sized in accordance with good commercial practice." When this statement appears on the certificate it means that oranges packed as sizes 324 to 150 inclusive, may vary not more than 4/16 inch and sizes 126 and larger, not more than 5/16 inch in diameter for the respective sizes. In the case of grapefruit, those packed as sizes 126 to 64 inclusive, may vary not more than 6/16 inch, sizes 54 and 46 not more than 7/16 inch, and sizes 36 and larger not more than 9/16 inch for the respective sizes. A tolerance of 10 percent is allowed for fruit showing more than the variation permitted.

R. R. Pailthorp.

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OFFICE NOTES:

The four district supervisors of the processed foods section - C.H. Beasley of San Francisco, L. S. Fenn of Chicago, H.S. Slamp of Philadelphia, and E.J. Evans of New York - will meet in Washington on March 25. Many plans will be made in the ensuing week for the work of the coming season, and it is hoped that considerable work can be accomplished on standardization, both in the revision of present standards and the establishment of new ones.

W.W. Morrison, of the Washington fresh fruit and vegetable standardization office has returned from a training class in New York City and is now working with the processed foods section in the preparation of standards for frozen foods.

Dr. Kenneth T. Farrell of the New York City processed foods office is now in Washington temporarily for the purpose of developing standards for dehydrated foods. G. A. Crone is handling the inspection of products for the F.S.C.C. at the plant of H. Baron and Company, Linden, New Jersey, during the absence of Dr. Farrell.

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. MORE COMPLETE GRADE STATEMENTS ON PERCENTAGE CARS

For more than 10 years the Food Products Inspection Service has certified cars which failed by a few percent to grade U. S. No. 1, as containing a certain percentage of the quality specified in that grade as - "85% U. S. No. 1 quality." A certificate covering such a lot gives a detailed description of the lot under the Quality and Condition headings but in the past the statement under the Grade heading has covered only that part of the lot which is of the quality required by U. S. No. 1 grade. For example, the statement "85% U. S. No. 1 quality" does not cover the remaining 15% although this is described in the body of the certificate, it not having been the policy in past to attempt to make the grade statement a complete recapitulation of the certificate.

While this policy of certification of so-called "percentage cars" has in general been satisfactory a number of complaints have been made under the P.A.C.A. which were based on the contention that since the quality of such a lot is stated in the terms of a U. S. Grade a buyer has a right to expect that the lot will not contain more than the limited percentage of decay, or other serious defects of a progressive nature, permitted by the grade tolerance. This contention has been supported by a decision of the Secretary in a P.A.C.A. case which was reported in the last Division Letter. This places on the seller the responsibility of showing in his quotation of a "percentage car" the percentage of a defect such as decay if it exceeds the tolerance provided in the grade.

While the body of the certificate has always shown the percentage of decay and any other factor which is specially limited by the grade tolerance such information has not always been included by shippers in quoting the results of shipping point inspections. In order to make it more convenient for the shipper to furnish this information which the buyer has a right to expect, it has been decided that in the future the statement under grade will show not only the percentage of U. S. No. 1 quality but also the percentage of decay and other serious defects of a progressive character which are restricted by the grade. For example, a lot of lettuce might be certified "85% U. S. No. 1 quality, 4% slimy decay." Decay and other serious defects of a progressive nature need not be mentioned under Grade when they are within the grade tolerance.

If percentage certification is requested in a receiving market, the policy outlined above should be followed in certifying cars which have not been inspected at shipping point. If a car on which such a request is received was certified at shipping point as containing a certain percentage of U.S. No. 1 quality, it should be handled as an appeal in the usual way. If it fails to grade as originally certified only because of an increase in the percentage of decay, the grade statement should read "Now fails to grade 85% U.S. No. 1 quality (or whatever the original certificate showed) only because of an increase in decay."

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Warsaw, Indiana.

" Mexican tomatoes and other imports wire R.H. Bertelson, 305 American Ave.,  
Togales, Arizona.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,  
Nebraska.

" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,  
Nebraska.





3f. SHRIVELING CONDITION OF TOMATOES

R.H. Bertelson, inspector in charge at Nogales, Arizona, writes as follows under date of March 8, 1942:

\* \* \* "A shriveling condition of tomatoes such as we are finding could occur from three causes. First immature tomatoes. Second, in some cases, tomatoes are sometimes left in the field boxes and exposed to the hot sun for too long a time after picking before being hauled to the packing sheds, thus permitting the tissues to become slightly burned or damaged, but in most cases when this happens, the shriveling has not occurred at the time of packing, therefore is not apparent at that time to the sorters, but the breakdown of these tissues occurs later after the shipment is in transit. Third, I have observed following freezes that have occurred in Mexico at various times in the past, that a shriveling condition is apparent on many tomatoes for a period of as long as 6 to 8 weeks following the freezes. I feel that this condition is similar to the second, the only difference being that the cells have been damaged by excessive low temperatures instead of high temperatures.

"It is not possible for me to say definitely that a freeze occurred in all the producing sections of Mexico, however a freeze was reported in many of the sections about six weeks ago, therefore, we feel that the shriveling condition that is showing, is either caused from the second or third reasons given, or possibly a combination of both. From our observations, very little immature fruit has been found."

4f. ISSUING TWO CERTIFICATES ON SAME CAR AT SHIPPING POINT

It sometimes happens that a car inspected at shipping point which fails to meet grade requirements is regraded by the shipper to bring it up to grade. Another inspection is made following the regrading. It is proper to issue a certificate on each inspection for the second inspection really does not cover the same lot of produce as the first. If the first certificate has not been released when the second is issued, notation should be made under "Remarks" on the first certificates as follows: "See Certificate No..... which covers inspection this carlot after regrading." Such notation will prevent the report on the first certificate being used, in the event shipping point information is requested by a terminal market office. If the first certificate was issued before the second inspection was made, a notation should be made under "Remarks" on the second certificate as follows: "This certificate covers a new inspection after regrading of the above lot, which was previously certified on certificate No..... In addition shipping point supervisors should instruct all inspectors working under their supervision to advise the Washington office immediately by wire when a case of this kind occurs. Such wires should be sent "Government Rate Prepaid" and the following form should be used. Where a certificate is issued at point of origin "Disregard certificate 11281 covering car NP 5684, car regraded second inspection covered by 11355." Where certificate is typed from distant point and number is not known by inspector use the following form: "Disregard inspection NP 5684 October 7 car regarded and second inspection dated October 10." By taking this action, the wire should be received in time to keep the first inspection of the car from being listed; thus preventing incorrect information being sent to receiving point inspectors in case of reinspections,





5f. PLEASE ADD TO LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTSProcessed Foods

H. L. Harding Canning Co.	South Lebanon, Ohio	\$26.18
French Lick Foods, Inc.	Paoli, Indiana	2.90

F & V Inspection

B. Frank Craddock	Humboldt, Tenn.	2.50
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F. G. Robb

## - PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE -

1d. PREPARATION OF TELEGRAMS

The expense of telegrams may be minimized by the proper writing of figures and punctuation marks in telegrams. All punctuation marks, when inserted by the sender in the text of messages moving within the continental limits of the United States, are transmitted exactly as written but are neither counted nor charged for. For further details the following paragraphs are quoted from the Fruit and Vegetable Division Letter of October 29, 1937:

"Whenever punctuation marks are indicated by spelled-out words such as; stop, period, comma, dash, quote, etc., they will be counted and charged for as individual words.

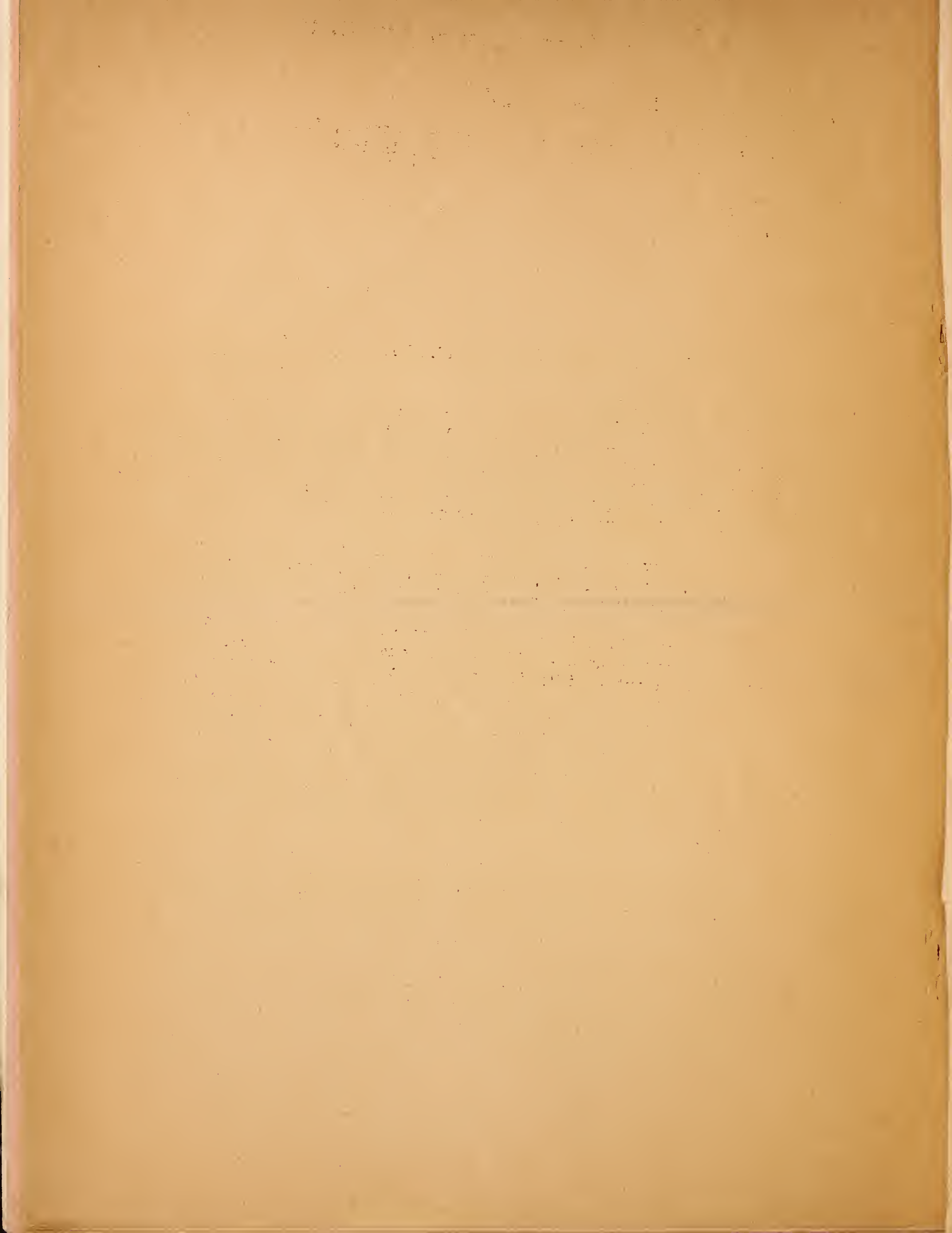
"Attention is also called to the fact that as many as five figures may be used - 56789 - and counted as one word, whereas if spelled out - fiftysix seven eight nine - four words must be counted with a corresponding charge. Likewise, 4.376 should be used rather than - four point three seven six. 4.376 is counted as one word while five words are necessary to spell it out. Similarly, 2-7/8 should be used rather than - two and seven eighths, a saving of three words. In this manner a considerable saving may be effected in transmitting information relative to car numbers, certificate numbers, size of containers, commodities, etc."

Since many of the leased and commercial telegrams of the processed foods section pertain to contract numbers, purchase order numbers, and certificate numbers, they may often be written as one or two words, for example,

Certificate 34587 (two words)  
 P.O. 1623 (two words)  
 Federal Specification W-M-51a (three words)  
 Reference JC-123. (two words)  
 12-2/3 dozen (two words)  
 6-#10 cases (two words)

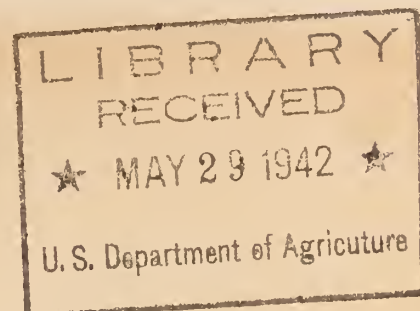
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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH LETTER

N O T I C E

THIS IS THE FIRST BRANCH LETTER (FORMERLY FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER) ISSUED SINCE MARCH 20, 1942.

Due to the reorganization program the Fruit and Vegetable Branch Letter (formerly Division Letter) has not been issued since March 20, 1942. For future reference each office should clearly mark its files or records so as to indicate this fact.

1a. ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH

The establishment of the Fruit and Vegetable Branch of the Agricultural Marketing Administration was announced in Administrator's Memorandum No. 2, dated March 9, 1942. To this Branch were transferred the former Fruit and Vegetable Divisions of the Agricultural Marketing Service and the Surplus Marketing Administration, and the potato and sugar programs of the former Marketing Division of the Surplus Marketing Administration. The following functions have been delegated to the Branch:

To plan programs designed to encourage the exportation and domestic consumption of fresh and dried fruits and vegetables, including potatoes, nuts (except the peanut marketing and diversion programs), sugar, honey, and vitamins, by developing new and expanded markets and uses; to cooperate with producers and processors in developing improved marketing practices and marketing agreements; to formulate standards; to certify quality and condition of fruits and vegetables; to administer the Standard Container Acts, Produce Agency Act, Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, and Export Apple and Pear Act; to compile information on the production and processing of the above products, and conduct research in their marketing problems.

Administrator's Memorandum No. 3, Supplement D, dated April 1, 1942, named W. G. Meal Chief and S. R. Smith Assistant Chief of the Branch.

I have designated F. G. Robb to serve as Assistant to the Chief.

The functions of the Branch will be conducted in the following Divisions which are hereby established:



Market Programs Division - S. R. Smith

Functions of this Division are to develop and administer marketing agreements, purchase programs for Lend-Lease and other purposes, and diversion programs, and to conduct research in marketing problems for the commodities assigned to the Branch. Commodity group sections and an Economic Section have been designated to handle these activities.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Division - E. E. Conklin

Functions of this Division are to conduct the inspection service on fruits, vegetables, nuts, and miscellaneous commodities for fresh shipment or for delivery to processors; to make investigations for formulating grading standards; and to investigate and demonstrate commercial grading, packing, and handling methods for these commodities. The work relating to the formulation and <sup>revision</sup> of standards and to the investigation and demonstration of packing and handling methods will be handled in the Standardization Section of this Division, of which Section R. R. Pailthorp will be in charge.

Processed Fruit and Vegetable Division - Paul M. Williams

Functions of this Division are to conduct the inspection service on processed fruits and vegetables (canned, dried, frozen, dehydrated); to supervise the operations of plants processing these commodities under continuous inspection; to make investigations for formulating, revising, and demonstrating standards for grades; and to investigate and demonstrate commercial processing and distribution methods utilizing the Federal standards.

Regulatory Division - H. A. Spilman

Functions of this Division are to administer the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, including the licensing of persons and firms marketing perishable agricultural commodities and the investigation and handling of complaints arising under the Act, the Produce Agency Act, the Export Apple and Pear Act, and the Standard Container Acts of 1916 and 1928.

Market News Division - B. C. Boree

Functions of this Division are to conduct the market news service on fresh fruits and vegetables, peanuts, honey, and such other commodities as may be assigned.

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All field representatives will report to the Head of the Division in which their activities are now assigned.

W. G. Meal

2a. DESIGNATION AND DUTIES OF F. G. ROBB, ASSISTANT TO CHIEF OF BRANCH

Effective today, F. G. Robb, Assistant to the Division Leader of the former Fruit and Vegetable Division of the Agricultural Marketing Service, is designated Assistant to the Chief of the Branch. In this capacity Mr. Robb will serve as Assistant to the Chief on all questions involving grading standards and inspection procedures relating to the certification of fruits, vegetables, nuts, and other commodities assigned to the Branch, in order to coordinate the specifications under marketing agreement, commodity credit, diversion programs, and purchases of these commodities by the Government for Lend-Lease and other purposes with the operations of the inspection service.

Division and Section heads are requested to immediately instruct their employees working on programs involving specifications, grading standards, and inspection to get in touch with Mr. Robb so that these questions may be properly considered during the preparation of purchase or loan authorizations and shipment regulations. This procedure not only will unify these operations of the Branch but will also remove much of the present duplication of effort in this respect and enable us better to handle action programs that require the aid of the inspection service.

W. G. Meal

3a. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEMIMONTHLY BRANCH LETTER

The former Fruit and Vegetable Division of the Agricultural Marketing Service prepared biweekly a mimeographed Division Letter which was disseminated among its Washington and field offices. It has been a very useful and necessary medium for transmitting current operating instructions to the field personnel, and in keeping our field offices informed of new developments or policy changes in our various activities.

This publication will be continued as our Branch Letter.

Each Division Head is requested to furnish the Chief's office with the material that he wishes to submit for publication in the Branch Letter which will be issued on every other Friday.

W. G. Meal

4a. TYPEWRITER SURVEY

In order to obtain typewriter replacements we are required to make a report of the use being made of those now on hand and furnish an estimate of the average percentage of time each machine is actually in use. Each office is therefore requested to furnish the following information to the Washington office, marked for the attention of Mrs. E. Mills:

No. of Type- writers on hand	Purpose for which used	Percent- age of time total use	Statement as to whether <u>must</u> be used simultan- eously (where more than <u>one machine in office</u> )	Number which may be re- leased.
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5a. LEAVE

Operational Instructions No. 9, dated April 22, 1942, (which it is believed most of our offices have now received) reads in part as follows: "\* \* \* no employee shall be allowed leave for a period of more than 14 work days at any one time. For this purpose, Saturday is considered a full work day." (This does not apply in cases of separation from service nor to periods of extended illness.) The 14 days applies to actual work days, that is, if an employee requests 14 "work days and two Saturdays intervene, it will constitute a charge of only 13 days leave. (Saturdays, for leave purposes, being counted as four hours.)



6a. NEW PER DIEM RATES

Reference is made to item 2a, appearing in the March 20 issue of the Fruit and Vegetable Branch Letter, which reads in part as follows: "Until such time as an increased rate of per diem is formally granted by Letter of Authorization, no one may claim a greater rate of per diem than that shown in his current Letter."

Since publication of the above, Mr. Kitchen has issued the following instructions: "Effective April 1, 1942, the per diem rates, as established by the Agricultural Marketing Service Rate Schedule 1-AMS is revised to effect an increase of 50¢ per diem in each instance; i.e., in those instances where \$5.00 was allowed, the rate will now be \$5.50; where \$4.50 was allowed, the rate will now be \$5.00, etc. While this increase in the per diem rate will result in an increase in the cost of travel, it is felt, by careful consideration some travel may be eliminated and the actual cost of this item, as a whole, need not be increased. It will be incumbent upon those officials responsible for travel to see that this expense is kept within the amount available therefor within the respective allotments." \* \* \*

The purpose of this item is to advise that effective April 1, 1942, the revised per diem rates may be claimed by those who have occasion to perform official travel. The increased allowances as outlined above do not require a specific amendment to the current authorization.

7a. PROCUREMENT OF RECAPPED AND RETREADED TIRES OR RECAPPING AND RETREADING SERVICES

When need arises for recapped or retreaded tires (we are advised that our Government-owned cars are not eligible for the purchase of new tires and tubes) field officers, responsible for a Government-owned car used in the performance of services essential to the prosecution of the war effort, may apply to their local rationing board for a certificate with which to secure the required purchase. The final decision as to whether the vehicle is eligible for such tires rests entirely with the local rationing board.

Similar procedure should be followed by employees who are operating their privately-owned vehicles on official business connected with the war effort.

8a. HELP LOCATE ED DOWNEY

This party formerly operated at Indianapolis, Indiana, but is reported as having discontinued business there during June 1940. During June 1941 he purchased a truckload of strawberries from a Chicago dealer and has failed to pay the full purchase price. Anyone having knowledge of the present whereabouts of Downey should advise H.A. Spilman, In Charge, Administration Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, Fruit and Vegetable Branch, and make reference to file PACA C-6935.

9a. LETTERHEADS

Agricultural Marketing Administration letterheads are to be used only for outside correspondence, that is, with other bureaus, departments and public generally. The present stocks of AMS letterheads (including memoranda letterheads) are to be used until exhausted for all intracorrespondence by typing the words "Agricultural Marketing Administration" below the letterhead, namely:

United States Department of Agriculture  
Agricultural Marketing Service

Agricultural Marketing Administration

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-1b. ASPARAGUS GRADES AND SIZES WHICH SHOULD BE USED IN MARKET REPORTS  
(Effective at once)

In the Division Letter of March 7, 1939, was published a table of asparagus grades and sizes which should be used in market reports. This is being repeated without change for the Georgia and South Carolina grades, but for California and Arizona asparagus slight changes are necessary in the headings used. For "Other California" and Arizona asparagus comparable size terms are being inserted, as suggested by G.K. York, Chief of the Bureau of Market News of California. It will be noticed, however, that for both the Imperial Valley and "Other California" and Arizona grades, the second column is headed "Comparable Sizes" only, and the grade terms to be used in our reports are the official grade designations appearing in the first column. The "Comparable Size" terms will be useful to statisticians and others desiring to make comparisons between the quotations on asparagus from different producing areas.

<u>SIZE GRADE</u>	<u>GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA</u> <u>TO BE REPORTED AS</u>	<u>DIAMETER</u>
Extra Colossal	very large	7/8 inch or over
Colossal	large	11/16-7/8 inch
Fancy and Extra Fancy	medium	1/2-11/16 inch
Choice and Extra Choice	small	1/4-1/2 inch

<u>OFFICIAL GRADE</u> (and to be reported as)	<u>IMPERIAL VALLEY CALIFORNIA</u> <u>COMPARABLE SIZES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF STALKS</u>
Mammoth	very large	Not over 17
Giant	large	18-24
Fancy Regal	medium	25-34
Regal	medium	35-52
Fancy Standard	small	53-78
Standard	very small	79-115

<u>OFFICIAL GRADE</u> (and to be reported as)	<u>OTHER CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA</u> <u>COMPARABLE SIZES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF STALKS</u>
Colossal	very large	Not over 14
Jumbo	large	15-20
Extra Select	medium	21-28
Select	medium	29-42
Extra Fancy	small	43-67
Fancy	very small	68-100

Above designations apply to bunched stock; loose should be reported as very large, large, medium, etc., in accordance with the above classifications.



2b. CARE OF MIMEOGRAPH EQUIPMENT

The following item is self-explanatory. Cautions have been given field men from time to time about handling equipment. Here are some first-hand comments:

"You may recall that a little over a year ago I mentioned the fact that a number of the field men were very careless about the proper attention to field equipment, including failure to clean the machines before making shipment, leaving parts dirty and encrusted with grease, ink, etc., which cause the workable and rubber parts to deteriorate rapidly, failure to make any attempt at tying up the equipment, so that it will arrive at its destination in good condition. As a result of such practices, a great deal of time is required for us to secure these repairs, unnecessary costs are incurred and, in some instances, the next field man receives the machinery apparently in good order, but in fact, very dirty and in poor condition. I doubt that some of our field men ever take the trouble to oil a folder, mimeograph, or addressograph. Only about one third of the dozen men who received equipment from this office last year took the trouble to advise us the condition of the equipment. We assumed then, since the transfer of property report showed the machines to be in good order, that no repairs were necessary. It has always been our policy, if the field man under certain circumstances is unable to clean the equipment, to make every effort to unpack all parts when they arrive here and to clean the machinery before storing it. However, you can understand the enormous amount of work and almost impossibility of the task of determining the condition of about fifty pieces of equipment and of many more minor parts attached thereto, since we are unable to put each machine to the test of its workability. The field man who uses the machines daily can easily list in a few moments, all needed adjustments, or repairs, or state that a complete check-up is necessary.

"To illustrate what I have been writing about, I wish to cite two examples that have just come to my attention. I was requested to send the best folder and mimeograph on hand, to Hastings. The selections were made on the basis of age and apparent condition of equipment, but the mimeograph No. 74691 received from Hastings last year, had come to Atlanta unpacked and without a single part tied up. An almost new rubber platen had been so badly soaked with ink and grease that it will have to be replaced. The impression roller, feed rollers and idle roller were in bad shape, or worn out. The studs had been broken off of the impression roller springs. The stencil clamp on the cylinder was badly bent up so that it could not be used and the ink brush was quite worn. The estimate for repairs and labor will be \$19.70. Another machine that we planned to send to Hastings, but for which we will be forced to make a substitute, is folder No. 6573 received from Allendale last year. This folder was found to be very dirty, so heavily covered with glue that adjustments could not be made. A screw was missing from the front paper guides and could not be found in the equipment box. Several smaller parts were broken and will have to be replaced."

3b. ORCHIDS

C.J. Hansen, of our Portland market news office, recently received a letter from a prominent Sacramento, California, produce company reading in part as follows: "\*\*\* Wish to compliment you on the careful, thorough and accurate analysis that you send out in your daily market report. We go over the Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle also daily, and while they all do a good job, we think yours is the most easily understood and best reflection of daily market conditions."

4b. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES ON THE G AND T&V PAGES OF THE CODE:  
(Effective May 4)

On the G (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) page of the code add

GIP Estimated \_\_\_ carlot equivalents by truck sold at private sales.

On the T & V (MISCELLANEOUS PHRASES TO COMBINE WITH PRICES) page of  
the code change

OK mostly over to

OK air conditioning \$25.00 per car extra

5b. PHOENIX LETTUCE SEASON UNUSUALLY HEAVY

Another Phoenix Spring Lettuce Season has just been completed. A few crops did well on yields but most did very poorly, and a long series of cold mornings during the growing period resulted in weak carrying quality which resulted in some tremendous terminal losses.

From a market news standpoint, the season just closing was perhaps the heaviest and most difficult. I have ever encountered. There were 42 shippers and 60 buyers. We talked to everyone of them at least once a day and some 8 and 10 times. The telephone line was so congested that frequently, on long distance calls, the operator would call us on the Western Union Telephone down the hall while the Wabash and Missouri Pacific offices on this floor ran messengers to us asking us to call a shipper's or buyer's number as soon as possible because they were unable to get a call through to us due to a busy circuit for more than an hour. All of this, was occurring while the office was full of parties calling questions over the counter.

Because of the large number of shippers, and big group of buyers, the office assumed a great deal of importance this year. It was impossible, through any other agency, to keep up with f.o.b. market developments. This was doubly so because of the wide variance in the quality of lettuce packed. In past seasons, it has been possible for a few leading brands to set a tentative market relatively early in the morning and secondary brands sold either at a discount from this base or up to this level if demand was particularly active. This year, however, some of the leading brands had some of the poorest lettuce and even though they exercised utmost care in packing, they were frequently left unsold at the end of the day while buyers premiumed brands previously hardly heard of.

It has been the custom on these western deals for the market news office to keep very closely abreast of developments during the day and to have available the latest indications on loadings, bookings, prices, etc. Most buyers contact the office around 10:00 A.M. daily for this information which they wire out to their connections along with their recommendations as to whose lot of lettuce looks the best and for what they can secure supplies. The chains, in particular, issue a broadcast to their offices so that they will have something tangible upon which to drum up business. (J. A. Hunter, 4/19/42)

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B. C. Boree

H. H. Henderson, Norfolk, Virginia, fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office, advises that his official telephone number is now 49709.



TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE							
Stations	Mail List	In Charge	Product	First Bulletin	Probably Will Close		
*Belle Galde, Fla.	937	R.M.Fox	Beans, Tomatoes Peppers, Potatoes	April 17	May 20		
*Brawley, Calif.	933	J.A.Hunter	Cantaloups Watermelons	May 4 " 4	July 10 " 3		
*Chadbourn, N.C.	805	Aaron Stambaugh	Strawberries	April 20	May 20		
Crystal City, Texas	867	M.W.Hanson	Onions	May 4	May 27		
Crystal Springs, Miss.	809	R.G.Risser	Cabbage, Tomatoes & Misc. Vegetables	May 4	June 20		
Hammond, La. P.O.Bldg., Box 755	802	J.C.Keller	Strawberries	April 6	May 15		
*Hastings, Fla. Power & Light Bldg., Room 6	851	F.S.Nightingale	Potatoes	April 9	May 22		
*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Oct. 1	June 20		
Laredo, Texas	801	P.A.Nicholson	Onions	April 16	May 23		
Mobile, Alabama	924	E.R.Mead	Potatoes, Cucumbers	May 5	June 20		
*Onley, Va.	878	S.W.Russell	Strawberries Potatoes	May 7 June 15	June 12 July 28		
*Plant City, Fla. State Farmers' Market P.O. Box 449	850	R.M.Peterson	Strawberries Lettuce Vegetables	Dec. 18 " 18 April 15	March 14 April 30 May 28		
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	A.L.Thomas	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 2 " 2 " 2 " 2 " 24 " 2 " 2 " 4 Oct. 6	May 19 March 18 May 19 Dec. 15 Oct. 7 April 21 Oct. 27 Sept. 23 May 5		
*Sanford, Fla. State Farmers Market	910	R.W.Kohler	Celery	Jan. 23	May 29		
Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Nov. 3 " 15	March 31 May 31		
THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED							
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Bldg.	895	R.E.Keller	Fruits Vegetables	Nov. 10 " 10	Jan. 10 April 15		
Idaho Falls, Idaho	845-R	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 23	April 10		
*Phoenix, Arizona	815	J.A.Hunter	Lettuce	March 10	April 22		
*Pompano, Florida Farmers' State Market	937	R.M.Fox	Beans Potatoes Peppers Green Peas Tomatoes	Dec. 29 " 29 " 29 " 29 Jan. 20	April 16 " 16 " 16 Feb. 28 April 16		
*Presque Isle, Maine	842-R	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 16	April 30		
*Waupaca, Wis.	894-R	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 2	April 8		
*State cooperating R.G.Risser on Leave - R.E. Keller on Leave							

## -INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. CINDER SCARRING OF FRUIT SHIPPED IN VENTILATED BOX CARS

A shortage of refrigerator cars has resulted in the use of some ventilated box cars for the shipment of citrus fruits. Reports are coming in showing that in some cases cinders and cinder dust are causing considerable damage to fruit shipped in such cars. This damage consists of cinder scarring with discoloration of the fruit at points of contact with the box and with other fruits and a dirty appearance of some fruit which may not be scarred. Such injury should be fully described under Condition and the grade statement should read "Now fails to grade U. S. \_\_\_\_\_ only account cinder scarring and cinder dust." This statement of course assumes that the lot is otherwise up to the grade specified.

2f. MORE REGARDING ISSUING TWO CERTIFICATES ON SAME CAR

With reference to paragraph 4f, page 48 of Branch Letter of March 20, a question has been raised as to what should be done if the second inspection also shows the car to be out of grade. The point to be kept in mind is that the Washington office must always be advised whenever a certificate which has been issued does not, because of regrading or substitution, cover the lot which was shipped in the car in question. If the second inspection also shows the car to be out of grade the words "which also shows car out of grade" should be added to the statement recommended in the above-mentioned article.

3f. PROPER WORDING OF DISCLAIMER CLAUSE

Carbons of a number of letters which have come to the Washington office recently show either a failure to make the proper "Disclaimer" when names of dealers are furnished or "Disclaimers" which are not properly worded. The following form should be used whenever it is impracticable to furnish a complete list of dealers to those who have asked for such names:

"It is generally impracticable to give a complete list of dealers, and in furnishing a partial list in an effort to aid you, it should be understood that no discrimination is intended and no guarantee of reliability implied."

4f. KEEP INSPECTOR'S NOTES CONFIDENTIAL

So many different parties have requested copies of inspector's notes or permission to see such notes and copy information from them that it seems necessary to refuse such requests to all parties. Those making such requests should be advised that inspector's notes are confidential and can be obtained by court order in case the records are subpoenaed. They should also be advised that the certificate is the official document and is the only one which is prima facie evidence under the legal authority for the inspection service.

5f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Mexican tomatoes and other imports wire R.H.Bertelson, 305 American Ave.,  
Nogales, Arizona.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebr.

" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebr.

" Alabama reports wire T.W.Ayres, Federal State Inspection Service,

Masonic Hall, Foley, Alabama.

" Mississippi reports wire K.W.Schaible, Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Crystal Springs, Mississippi.

" North Carolina reports wire H. T. Westcott, 303 State Agriculture Bldg.,  
Raleigh, North Carolina.



TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING FEBRUARY, 1942

(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents)

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or</u> <u>Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or</u> <u>Carlot Equiv.</u>
Arizona	2494½	New York	312
California	5025	North Carolina	5
Colorado	1735	North Dakota	2148
Florida	12248	Ohio	91½
Idaho	2743	Oklahoma	7
Illinois	5	Oregon	1467
Indiana	64	Pennsylvania	45
Iowa	3	South Carolina	18
Louisiana	535	South Dakota	62
Maine	2911	Texas	5186½
Maryland	3	Utah	28*
Michigan	1337	Vermont	6
Minnesota	1748	Virginia	112
Mississippi	8½	Washington	2637
Montana	46	West Virginia	58
Nebraska	691	Wisconsin	213
New Jersey	3½	Wyoming	234
Nevada	1	TOTAL	44,231½

\* There were 363 trucklots aggregating 5,392,160 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING FEBRUARY, 1942

<u>Total</u>			<u>Total</u>		
<u>Same Month</u>			<u>Same Month</u>		
<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Albany	14	9	Milwaukee	29	22
Atlanta	42	47	Minneapolis	42	32
Baltimore	26	37	Newark	23	26
Boston	145	132	New Haven	2	11
Buffalo	40	42	New Orleans	118	65
Chicago	208	132	New York	370	424
Cincinnati	21	10	Norfolk	16	10
Cleveland	52	46	Oklahoma City	15	18
Columbus	12	27	Philadelphia	74	44
Denver	21	30	Phoenix	1	1
Detroit	193	211	Pittsburgh	108	169
East Providence	-	6	Portland	19	33
Fort Worth	11	12	Raleigh	2	0
Harrisburg	3	0	Rochester	7	7
Hartford	18	40	St. Louis	28	40
Houston	13	22	Salt Lake City	2	0
Indianapolis	7	12	San Francisco	2	0
Jackson	1	2	Seattle	39	19
Jacksonville	16	22	Shreveport	22	-
Kansas City	41	71	Tampa	1	7
Los Angeles	19	12	Trenton	2	1
Memphis	24	15	Washington, D.C.	11	4
Miami	19	5	TOTAL	1879	1875

1181 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receiver's Assn., New York City.

Total fees assessed for February, 1942, \$8,505.52

Total last year \$6,906.83

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES  
(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

February, 1942

Cities	Hospitals	Center	Agencies	Institutions	Steamship Lines
Baltimore	-	-	-	36,133	-
Boston	-	-	-	258,278	-
Chicago	6,154	-	-	-	-
Cleveland	13,576	-	-	-	-
Detroit	15,979	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	26,810	-	-	-	-
Hartford	13,118	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	207,703	-	-	46,635	-
Memphis	11,046	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	131,007	-	-	109,626	-
Newark	68,292	-	-	71,157	-
New Orleans	-	-	-	-	1,010
New York	135,183	210,263	10,642	1,580,330	1,500,740
Philadelphia	61,804	-	-	204,285	33,963
Pittsburgh	28,938	-	-	81,218	-
St. Louis	26,150	-	-	236,429	-
Seattle	-	-	7,400	-	-
Washington, D.C.	-	-	41,283	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>745,730</b>	<b>210,263</b>	<b>59,325</b>	<b>2,624,091</b>	<b>1,535,713</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>5,175,152</b>				

6f. CANADIAN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLES

Apparently some inspectors have not read carefully paragraph 3(a) on page 102 of the Canadian Fruit, Vegetables, and Honey Act and Regulations as published in Acts, Orders and Regulations No. 35 Revised 1940, copies of which have been sent to all inspectors. This section as amended reads:

"Apples shall meet the requirements of one or other of the following grades, namely, U.S. Fancy, U.S. No. 1 or U.S. Commercial of 2 1/4 inches minimum size and additionally the condition requirements of 'Standards for Export' as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture."

This supersedes the older regulations which fixed the percentages of decay which would be permitted during certain months of the year.

7f. TITLE TO BE USED ON INSPECTORS' LICENSE CARDS

All license cards issued in the future should have the words "Agricultural Marketing Administration" typed over the words "Title of Officer" in the lower left-hand corner instead of "Supervising Inspector" or other title which has been typed in this space previously.

8f. PLEASE DEDUCT FROM LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

B. Frank Craddock	Humboldt, Tenn.	\$ 2.50
B.B. Black Co., Inc.	Fort Fairfield, Me.	26.26



-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-1d. INSPECTION OF HONEY

Requests for the inspection of honey are being received with increasing frequency, and large quantities have been inspected within the past year by the Processed Foods Section. It will be proper to refer any requests for the inspection of this commodity to offices of that Section.

2d. TRAINING CLASSES FOR PROSPECTIVE PROCESSED FOODS INSPECTORS

Three more training classes are being held this month for inspectors of processed foods. One of these convened in Philadelphia on April 13 under the direction of H.S. Slamp of that city. The other two will be conducted the week of April 20, one by L.S. Fenn of Chicago at that point, and the other by C.H. Beasley of San Francisco at Portland, Oregon. Mr. Beasley, who has been in Washington for the past few weeks, will stop in Portland en route to San Francisco in order to take charge of the training class.

3d. NEW PROCESSED FOODS FIELD OFFICES TO BE OPENED

In order to take care of the inspection of the increased subsistence purchases to be made under the new Army negotiation arrangements, the Processed Foods Section plans to establish at least 27 new field locations, as follows:

Portland, Maine - April 1	Denver, Colorado - June 1 to Nov. 1
Eastport, Maine - July 1	Biglerville, Pa. - Oct. 15 to April 1
Westfield, New York - June 25	Hanover, Pa. - June 1 to Oct. 15
Syracuse, New York - June 25	Salisbury, Md. - June 1 to Oct. 15
New Orleans, Louisiana - April 15	Tappahannock, Va. - Aug. 15 to Nov. 1
Dyersbury, Tennessee - Aug. 1 to Nov. 1	Macon, Georgia - June 15 to Dec. 1
Newport, Tennessee - July 1 to Nov. 1	Boise, Idaho - Sept. 1
Springfield, Missouri - July 1 to Nov. 1	Sacramento, Calif. - June 1
Hart, Michigan - July 1 to Dec. 1	Stockton, Calif. - June 15
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin - June 25	Haywards, Calif. - June 1
Milwaukee, Wisconsin - July 1	Berkeley, Calif. - June 1
Marshfield, Wisconsin - July 1	Yuba City, Calif. - June 1
Minneapolis, Minnesota - July 1	Salem, Oregon - May 15
Cedar Rapids, Iowa - July 15	

4d. CONTINUOUS FACTORY INSPECTION

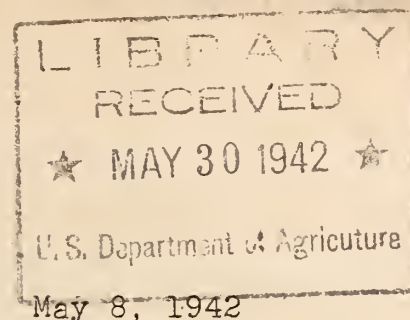
Among the companies applying for continuous inspection in their plants for the coming season, the following have recently been approved for this service, and inspectors will be stationed at each point as the packing season begins.

Blue Lake Producers Cooperative, West Salem, Oregon  
 Cascade Frozen Foods, Inc., Seattle, Washington (Burlington and Kennewick, Washington, plants)  
 Fox Valley Canning Company, Hortonville, Wisconsin  
 The Illinois Canning Company, Hoopeston, Illinois  
 Lincoln Canning Company, Merrill, Wisconsin  
 Mitchell Canneries, Inc., Thomasville, Georgia (Thomasville plant - the Ft. Meade, Florida already under continuous inspection)  
 Otoe Food Products Company, Nebraska City, Nebraska (Nebraska City and Scottsbluff, Nebraska, plants)  
 The G.S. Suppiger Company, St. Louis, Missouri (Collinsville and Belleville, Illinois, and Converse and Mt. Summit, Indiana, plants)  
 Wenatchee Valley Foods, Inc., Wenatchee, Washington  
 Desert Citrus Products Association, Tempe, Arizona  
 Foster & Wood Canning Company, Lodi, California  
 F.E. Booth Company, Inc., San Francisco, California (Centerville, California, plant)

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH LETTER

1a. MONTHLY REPORT OF LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE

Complying with Administrator's Memorandum No. 10, dated April 29, 1942, each office is requested to submit a monthly report to the Washington Administrative Office of the Branch (marked for the attention of Mr. Wm. C. Hasbrouck) showing all long distance telephone calls made within the month. This must be submitted for the month of April, 1942, and continue monthly until further notice. These reports should reach the Washington office prior to the 10th day of month succeeding ~~the calls~~. It is suggested that the report be submitted in the following manner:

MONTHLY REPORT OF OFFICIAL LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE

Date	:	Employee	:	Person or	:	Number	:	Cost
Call	:	Making	:	Station	:	Minutes	:	of
Made	:	Call	:	Called	:	Talked	:	Call
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(signature)

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(location)

2a. INQUIRIES CONCERNING NON-DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES

Inquiries concerning non-delivery of supplies (to be secured through the Washington Central Supply Section) should include the Project Number under which the requisition was drawn. These requisitions are filed in the Procurement Office according to Project Numbers, and date, and any series of file numbers which an individual office may use is disregarded when the requisitions are filed. The Project Number and date of requisition will be of material assistance in locating the requisition about which inquiry is being made.

3a. DELETE FROM CENTRAL SUPPLY STOCK CATALOG

below

The Central Supply Section advises that its stock of the items listed has become exhausted and will not be replenished during the war emergency. Delete from all Central Supply Stock catalogs:

<u>Item No.</u>	
53-P-940	Pads, Canary, plain, 3 x 5.
53-P-10008	Pads, Canary, ruled 8x10 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
53-P-1148	Pads, White, plain 8x10 $\frac{1}{2}$
53-P-1244	Pads, White, ruled 8x10 $\frac{1}{2}$



4a. ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMORANDA AND OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

In the event a field office should fail to receive one of the series of Administrator's Memoranda or Operational Instructions being issued from time to time, request for the missing copy should be directed to Edward R. Felder, Agricultural Marketing Administration, 516 Steuart Motor Building, 6th and New York Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. It should be borne in mind that it is intended only one copy should be received in each office - ~~omitting~~ individual names from the mailing list.

5a. ADDRESS CHANGES

H.A. Arenz, fresh fruit and vegetable inspector at San Diego, advises his office is now located at the Navy Provisions Pier, Foot of B Street. His mail address remains the same - P.O. Box 928.

The Hartford, Connecticut, fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office D.L. Lacy in charge, has moved to 329 Federal Building - from Room 330.

The Yakima, Washington, processed foods office is now established in Room 210 Liberty Building, John K. Simonds in charge. Mail address: P.O. Box 803.

-REGULATORY DIVISION-1e. POINTS AT WHICH COMPLAINTS MAY BE FILED UNDER THE PACA OR OTHER ACTS ADMINISTERED BY REGULATORY DIVISION

There seems to be some misunderstanding on the part of field offices regarding the handling of inquiries concerning the filing of complaints under the PACA or other acts administered by the Regulatory Division. The field offices of the Regulatory Division have full authority to receive complaints for investigation or for transmittal to Washington or to another field office. Inquirers located in the territory from all Ohio River cities north to the Canadian border and from Cincinnati, Toledo and Detroit west to and including the eastern parts of Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas should be referred to the Chicago office, W.G. Lensen in Charge. Inquirers located in California from the southern border up to and including the San Francisco Bay section, Arizona, New Mexico, the southern part of Nevada and Utah, and the southwestern tip of Texas should be referred to the Los Angeles office, J.W. Dykes in charge. Inquirers from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, western Montana and Wyoming and the northern part of Utah & California should be referred to the Portland office, W.A. Hilgeson in charge. Inquirers from all sections not included above should be referred to the Washington office of the Regulatory Division.

2e. HELP LOCATE FREEMAN T. DURHAM

Anyone having knowledge of the present location of Freeman T. Durham, at one time located at Buhl, Idaho, previous to which he was located at Seymour, Missouri, is requested to advise H.A. Spilman, referring to P.A.C.A. file No. C-7336.

H.A. Spilman

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE						
Stations	Mail List	In Charge	Product	First Bulletin	Probably Will Close	
*Belle Glade	937	R.M.Fox	Beans, Tomatoes Peppers, Potatoes	April 17	May 20	
*Brawley, Calif. Planters Hotel Bldg.	933	J.A.Hunter	Cantaloups Watermelons	May 16 " 16	July 10 " 3	
*Chadbourn, N.C.	805	Aaron Stambaugh	Strawberries	April 20	May 20	
*Charleston, S.C.	858-R	#J.B.Owens	Potatoes	May 15	June 10	
Corpus Christi, Texas	801	P.A.Nicholson	Onions	May 6	May 28	
Crystal City, Texas Missouri-Pacific Station	867	M.W.Hanson	Onions	May 4	May 27	
Crystal Springs, Miss.	809	R.G.Risser	Cabbage, Tomatoes & Misc. Vegetables	May 4	June 20	
Hammond, La. P.O.Bldg., Box 755	802	J.C.Keller	Strawberries	April 6	May 20	
*Hastings, Fla. Power & Light Bldg., Room 6	851	F.S.Nightingale	Potatoes	April 9	May 22	
*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Oct. 1	June 20	
Mobile, Alabama	924	E.R.Mead	Potatoes, Cucumbers	May 11	June 20	
*Onley, Va.	878	S.W.Russell	Strawberries Potatoes	May 11 June 15	June 12 July 28	
*Plant City, Fla. State Farmers' Market P.O.Box 449	850	R.M.Peterson	Strawberries Lettuce Vegetables	Dec. 18 " 18 April 15	March 14 April 30 May 28	
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	A.L.Thomas	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 2 " 2 " 2 " 2 " 24 " 2 " 2 " 4 Oct. 6	May 19 March 18 May 19 Dec. 15 Oct. 7 April 21 Oct. 27 Sept. 23 May 5	
*Sanford, Fla. State Farmers Market	910	R.W.Kohler	Celery	Jan. 23	May 29	
Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Nov. 3 " 15	March 31 May 31	
THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATE INDICATED						
Laredo, Texas	801	P.A.Nicholson	Onions	April 16	May 5	

\* State cooperating

# Temporary assignment

R.E. Keller on Leave



-MARKET PROGRAMS DIVISION-

1g. INTRODUCTION

During the reorganization and amalgamation of the former Fruit and Vegetable Divisions of AMS and SMA, no weekly reports of SMA activities have been sent the field offices, as formerly, pending the completion of such reorganization. With this at least partially finished, information to the field offices of the Market Programs Division will be incorporated in this Branch Letter.

First of all, let me introduce these field offices, and personnel in charge, to the remainder of the Fruit and Vegetable Branch. Beginning on the Pacific Coast, there is the office of George Nahstoll, in the Mayer Building at Portland, Oregon. George has been working with industry committees and groups administering marketing-agreement and diversion programs for commodities in the Northwest - hops, winter pears, cauliflower, peas, lettuce, prunes, and walnuts - since October 1933. An able assistant of George's is Cecil R. Tulley, who joined the staff in August 1938.

In Sacramento, California, (the Federal Building) is Harry Cleaver, with the Division since April 1934, who does the contact work with industries in regard to fresh fruit marketing-agreement programs for deciduous tree fruits, grapes, etc.

Ward Studt, of the San Francisco office at 821 Market Street, has been concerned with dried fruit and nut diversion and agreement programs particularly, and economic studies for various Pacific Coast fresh and dried fruit and nut commodities. Ward has been with us since April 1935.

Our "citrus-fruit" office on the West Coast is in Los Angeles, 704 South Spring Street, with Howard Thompson as the contact man for the citrus agreement and diversion programs, and also for some other programs in that part of California, as the melon agreement a few years ago, date programs, and walnut agreement and diversion programs. Howard has been with the Division since August 1934. Michael Coogan came to us from the Investigation Division to assist in the Los Angeles office in February 1941.

Moving Eastward, in the Central Savings Bank Building in Denver, Colorado, we find Sherman Pobst keeping in touch with fruit and vegetable industries interested in agreement programs in that area. Sherman came into the Division in March of 1934.

By means of a rather long hop across country, we enter the Drane Building, in Lakeland, Florida, which is headquarters for H.B. Davis who works with the Florida citrus industry and other industries in the area such as strawberries, peaches, and celery. "Jay" has been with the Division since March 1934. He will spend much of his time this summer in Georgia and the Carolinas on the peach agreements in those States.

Effective on May 1st, Mr. Meal's memorandum of April 14 is amended by the appointment of James Poole as leader of the Special Products Section following Reed Pond's transfer to the Grain, Feed, and Seed Branch of the AMA.

S. R. Smith

2g. COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ORANGE ORDER -- Since the week ended December 7, 1941, the Committees have failed to make recommendations to the Secretary concerning an advisable quantity of oranges to be shipped during succeeding weeks. Since no recommendations have been forthcoming, the Administrator has issued no regulations governing the shipment of oranges in this area.

The hearing on a proposed new orange order began on April 13, and was completed on April 29. A part of the hearing record has been received in Washington. Floyd Hedlund, who represented the Division at the hearing, is expected to return to Washington next week to work on the drafting of the revised document in accordance with evidence secured at the hearing.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA LEMON ORDER -- Orders limiting the quantities of lemons to be shipped each week from California and Arizona were issued by the Administrator as follows: For the week of March 29, 300 carloads; April 5, 310 carloads; April 12, 350 carloads; April 19, 450 carloads; April 26, 525 carloads; and for the week beginning May 3, 650 carloads.

On March 7, 1942, the Secretary issued a ruling in the matter of the petition filed on behalf of Mutual Orange Distributors, et al., in which the petition was denied. On March 27 the petitioners filed action in the District Court of southern California, for a review of the ruling in accordance with the provisions of section 8c (15)(B) of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937.

On March 31, 1942, the case of U.S. v. LaVerne Cooperative Citrus Association, et al., came up for hearing before the District Court. The case was continued to allow the Court to consider all the questions involved. On April 2 Judge Harrison at Los Angeles issued preliminary injunctions in the case as well as in twelve other cases.

A hearing in the case of Western Fruit Growers, Inc., opened in Los Angeles April 10th on a 15A petition. Continuance was requested because one witness was not available.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA GRAPEFRUIT ORDER -- Two regulations have been issued by the Administrator: (1) for the period April 1-17, shipments of California-Arizona Desert grapefruit were limited to U.S. No. 2 and better grades in interstate commerce and in commerce with Canada; and (2) the same limitation was made for the period April 17 to June 1, 1942.

FLORIDA CITRUS AGREEMENT PROGRAM -- Following the recommendation of the Committees administering this program, a regulation was issued limiting the shipment of oranges to U.S. No. 2 and higher grades, excluding U.S. Combination Russets, and sizes equivalent to 100 to 324, inclusive, for the period April 13 to May 11, 1942.

A regulation was also issued limiting shipments of grapefruit to U.S. No. 2 Russet and higher grades, and to sizes 96 and larger for seeded grapefruit, and 126 and larger for seedless grapefruit. This regulation was made effective for the same period as the orange regulation.



On March 23 the case of U. S. v. W. F. Austin, Sr., came before the court at Orlando, and the case was dismissed for lack of prosecution. A temporary injunction had been issued May 8, 1939. The U. S. Attorney agreed to the dismissal.

GEORGIA PEACH AGREEMENT -- On April 22 the Secretary gave final approval to the agreement and issued an order, both to become effective April 27. The selection of administrative committee members under this program was made April 24 by the Secretary. Michael Coogan, from the Los Angeles office, has gone to this area to help set up the committee. On April 23 the Secretary designated his agents to act in administering the program.

CAROLINA PEACH AGREEMENT -- After completion of the hearing on the proposed agreement March 28th, a docket was forwarded recommending the Secretary's tentative approval of the agreement. Such approval is expected in the near future.

FISCAL ACTIONS -- During April new committees were appointed for the ensuing fiscal year for the following agreement programs: Tokay Grape Agreement and Order, Deciduous Tree Fruit Agreement and Order, and the Colorado Peach Agreement and Order. Similar action is in progress for organizing new committees under the Buerre Hardy Pear program and the Fresh Prune program of California. Committee members were selected for Potato Marketing Order No. 59 for the Klamath Falls area of Oregon and California. Committees will be selected for Colorado and Idaho potatoes during May.

COLORADO PEA AND CAULIFLOWER AGREEMENT AND ORDER -- On April 7 final approval was given to amendments to the agreement and order applying to provisions for the selection of administrative committees and the areas involved under the program. The amendments became effective April 13.

PURCHASE OPERATIONS -- Purchases were made during April of the following commodities: cabbage in Florida; canned spinach, beets, carrots, potatoes, and cut green beans; dehydrated tomato soup flakes; Australian brown onions; potatoes in Northeast Texas, Southwestern Arkansas, Western Tennessee; sweet potatoes in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Tennessee; cornstarch and corn sugar.

S. R. Smith

-FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INSPECTION DIVISION-

1f. SUPPLEMENT TO PART II RECEIVING MARKETS HANDBOOK

A mimeographed circular entitled "Supplement to Part II Receiving Markets Handbook Revision of Memoranda 75 and 76 and other Special Instructions" was mailed to each inspector with the Branch letter dated April 24, 1942. Additional copies of pages 8 to 13 of this circular were also mailed, at the same time, to each inspector in order to supply an extra copy for his convenience in clipping the instructions pertaining to the inspection of various commodities.

2f. SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION OF GREEN PEPPERS

The shipping point circular entitled "Shipping Point Inspection of Green Peppers" has been revised. Copies will be supplied upon request.

3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire T.W. Ayres, Masonic Hall, Foley, Alabama

" Arkansas reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren, Arkansas

" Mexican tomato reports wire R.H. Bertelson, 305 American Ave., Nogales, Arizona

" Mississippi reports wire K.W. Schaible, Federal-State Inspection Service, Crystal Springs, Miss.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebr.

" North Carolina reports wire H.T. Westcott, 303 State Agriculture Bldg., Raleigh, North Carolina

" Tennessee reports wire Earl L. Biddick, Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt, Tennessee

" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebr.

E.E. Conklin

--STANDARDIZATION SECTION--

1c. U.S. STANDARDS FOR BEETS WITH SHORT-TRIMMED TOPS AND U.S. STANDARDS FOR FRESH PEAS ISSUED

Under separate cover we have mailed to all inspectors copies of U.S. Standards for Beets with Short-Trimmed Tops, effective May 13, 1942 and U.S. Standards for Fresh Peas, effective June 1, 1942. The standards for beets are issued for the first time.

The standards for fresh peas are a revision of the 1934 standards. The most important change is in the addition of specifications for green calyxes in both U.S. No. 1 and U.S. Fancy grades. There has been a general rearrangement but very few changes made in the requirements. The old standards required that pods be free from mildew injury. This defect has been placed under damage in the new standards and a requirement added that the pods be free from damage by black calyxes. The peas are now required to be "fairly tender" instead of "tender." We believe the new term is more descriptive of the state of maturity which is passed for grade.

2c. THREE SHORT FORMS FOR U.S. STANDARDS - ENCLOSED

Short forms for U.S. Standards for (a) Strawberries (1942) (b) Carrots with short-trimmed tops (1942) and (c) Potatoes (1942) accompany this Branch Letter for each fresh fruit and vegetable inspector.

R.R. Pailthorp



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(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents)

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Arizona	7387	New York	363
California	3350	North Dakota	2503
Colorado	1558	Oklahoma	10
Delaware	1	Ohio	51
Florida	13404	Oregon	1832
Idaho	3442	Pennsylvania	59
Indiana	51	South Carolina	20
Iowa	1	South Dakota	15
Louisiana	866	Texas	5404
Maine	3614	Utah	27*
Maryland	1	Vermont	2
Michigan	1348	Virginia	144
Minnesota	2119	Washington	3089
Mississippi	9	West Virginia	41
Montana	63	Wisconsin	253
Nebraska	651	Wyoming	154
Nevada	1		
New Jersey	3	TOTAL	51,836

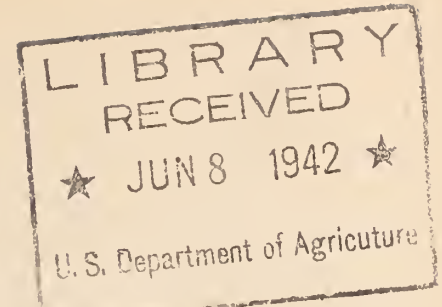
\* There were 427 trucklots aggregating 5,559,500 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Act.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING MARCH, 1942					
Total			Same Month		
Markets	Inspections	Last Year	Markets	Inspections	Last Year
Albany	12	19	Milwaukee	27	27
Atlanta	51	44	Minneapolis	62	43
Baltimore	38	40	Newark	23	18
Boston	139	160	New Haven	3	11
Buffalo	74	58	New Orleans	86	68
Chicago	285	151	New York	416	768
Cincinnati	46	18	Norfolk	10	5
Cleveland	51	59	Oklahoma City	26	23
Columbus	23	41	Philadelphia	102	73
Denver	48	30	Pittsburgh	129	205
Detroit	249	224	Portland	3	34
Fargo	1	0	Rochester	7	13
Fort Worth	11	10	St. Louis	38	33
Harrisburg	12	3	Salt Lake City	0	3
Hartford	32	66	Seattle	54	27
Houston	8	4	Shreveport	22	-
Indianapolis	16	19	Tampa	1	15
Jacksonville	16	22	Trenton	4	1
Kansas City	76	68	Washington, D.C.	11	9
Los Angeles	52	8	TOTAL	2317	2457
Memphis	37	19			
Miami	16	18			
			Total fees assessed for		Total last year

Total fees assessed for March, 1942 \$10,349.50      Total last year \$8,974.19

1557 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receiver's Assn., New York City.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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May 22, 1942

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH LETTER

1a. REGULAR HOURS OF DUTY ON MAY 30, 1942

Regular hours of duty will be required of employees of the Department of Agriculture both at Washington, D.C., and in the field service on May 30, 1942, in view of the war.

The director of Personnel will provide for the application of this order.

(Signed) - Claude R. Wickard  
Secretary

2a. SALARY PAYMENTS TO LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION EMPLOYEES

At each pay period - near the 15th and 30th day of the month - numerous telegrams are received in the Washington office concerning salaries due Letter of Authorization employees. Perhaps a better understanding of the procedure involved in securing payment of such salaries will enable field offices to avoid the transmission of many of these telegrams.

A payroll covering an L.A. employee's salary can not be prepared in Washington until the required form A.M.S.-57 is received from the field office. The payroll must then route through several Departmental offices before it reaches the U.S. Treasury, where the check is drawn and returned to this Department (again routing through several offices) before it reaches the office from which it is mailed. Because of the vast volume of such work now being handled by these various offices, approximately 12 to 15 days is required (after receipt of the form A.M.S.-57) to accomplish mailing. Several days en route must be allowed in most cases.

Our Administrative Office will continue to handle the preparation of these L.A. payrolls with all possible speed, but the above described procedure should be borne in mind before telegraphic inquiries are sent to Washington.

3a. CORRECTIONS:

The Fruit and Vegetable Branch Letters, dated April 24 and May 8, 1942, show incorrect volume numbers in the upper left-hand corner of the first page. The one dated April 24 shows volume No. 24. This should be 23. Likewise, the one dated May 8 shows volume No. 25. This, also, should be 23. These corrections should be made on all copies.

4a. HELP LOCATE CHAS. C. OTTOSEN

Anyone having knowledge as to the present mail address of Chas. C. Ottosen, formerly of Lady Lake, Florida, is requested to inform H.A. Spilman, of the Washington office, making reference to PACA C-7282.



## -MARKET NEWS DIVISION-

1b. SEALING MIMEOGRAPHED MARKET REPORTS

It is understood that it is possible to arrange with most local postmasters to mail mimeographed market reports unsealed. Whenever it is possible to make such arrangements, the reports should be prepared for mailing as usual except that the sealing device should not be used, thus saving that extra detail and the bother that sometimes occurs in securing the proper flow of glue. Any field men interested in dispensing with the sealing of mimeographed market reports for mailing should take the matter up with their local postmasters. Wherever the local postmaster's approval can be secured it probably will be necessary to put a tag or slip of paper on each bundle of mail giving the number of pieces of mail in each, such information being used in lieu of a count secured in cancelling. We are informally advised that the Post Office Department in Washington will not object to the above procedure if the local postmaster in each case is agreeable to accepting unsealed market reports.

2b. CARLOT QUOTATIONS ON WATERMELONS LOADED IN CARS WITHOUT BULKHEADS

During past watermelon seasons it has been a customary practice by carriers to bulkhead cars of more than 36 ft. 6 inches so as to reduce their loading space to that length. This enabled shippers to load all cars on a comparable basis and secure the benefit of the minimum weight regulation. There appears to be a definite move under way this season to discontinue all bulkheading for watermelons and consequently there probably will be various loadings of this commodity depending upon the lengths of the various cars furnished shippers. All market news representatives should pay particular attention to car lengths (when bulkheads are not used) when quoting sales on a carload basis. In addition to including information on watermelon sizes, prices, etc., in carlot sales reports, the size of the load should also be included either by giving the car sizes (36 ft., 40 ft.) or the number of watermelons per car. Ventilator cars are approximately either 36 ft. or 40 ft. inside measurement. This applies to city markets as well as producing sections.

3b. WANTED - METAL ADDRESSOGRAPH CABINET WITH DRAWERS

Any office having a metal addressograph cabinet, with drawers, available for transfer, should immediately advise Mrs. Mills.

B.C. Boree

## -PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION-

1d. INSPECTORS TO PAY FOR LAUNDERING OF WHITE UNIFORMS

The General Accounting Office has advised that in the future it will not be possible for the Government to pay for the laundering of white uniforms worn by Federal Processed Foods Inspectors, other than uniforms which are Government property.

It will, therefore, be necessary for inspectors to arrange for laundering of their own uniforms. It may be possible for men assigned to plants operating under continuous inspection to arrange with the plant management to include the uniforms with the plant laundry.

2d. CHARGES FOR SUPERVISION OF LOADING

Effective immediately, charges at the rate of \$1.67 per hour should be billed for all time spent in the sampling and supervision of loading, instead of \$1.50 as formerly charged.

Paul M. Williams

## TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Stations	Mail List	In Charge	Products	First Bulletin	Probably Will Close
*Brawley, Calif.	933	J.A. Hunter	Cantaloups	May 16	July 10
Planters Hotel Bldg.			Watermelons	" 16	" 3
*Charleston, S.C.	858-R	R.M. Fox	Potatoes	May 15	June 10
Corpus Christi, Texas	801	P.A. Nicholson	Onions	May 6	May 28
Crystal City, Texas	867	M.W. Hanson	Onions	May 4	May 27
Missouri-Pacific Station					
Crystal Springs, Miss.	809	R.G. Risser	Cabbage, Tomatoes	May 4	June 20
City Hall Bldg., P.O. Box 168			& Misc. Vegetables		
*Lakeland, Fla.	920	H.F. Willson	Citrus	Oct. 1	June 20
P.O. Box 191					
*Leesburg, Fla.	912	R.M. Peterson	Watermelons	June 3	June 17
Macon, Ga.	833	R.E. Keller	Peaches	June 1	Aug. 5
Mobile, Alabama	924	E.R. Mead	Potatoes	May 11	June 20
312 Staples-Pake Bldg.			Cucumbers	" 11	" 20
*Onley, Va.	878	S.W. Russell	Strawberries	May 11	June 12
Masonic Bldg.			Potatoes	June 15	July 28
*Washington, N.C.	926	J.C. Keller	Potatoes	June 1	July 8
THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATE INDICATED					
Jacksonville, Texas	811	R.E. Winfrey	Tomatoes	June 9	July 6
THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED					
Belle Glade, Fla.	937	R.M. Fox	Beans, Tomatoes	April 17	May 20
			Peppers, Potatoes		
*Chadbourn, N.C.	805	Aaron Stambaugh	Strawberries	April 20	May 20
Hammond, La.	802	J.C. Keller	Strawberries	April 6	May 13
P.O. Bldg., Box 755					
*Hastings, Fla.	851	F.S. Nightingale	Potatoes	April 9	May 22
Power & Light Bldg., Room 6					
*Plant City, Fla.	850	R.M. Peterson	Strawberries	Dec. 18	March 14
State Farmers' Market			Lettuce	" 18	April 30
P.O. Box 449			Vegetables	April 15	June 1
*Rochester, N.Y.	837	A.L. Thomas	Apples	Sept. 2	May 8
300 Terminal Bldg.			Cabbage	" 2	March 18
			Carrots	" 2	May 8
			Celery	" 2	Dec. 15
			Grapes	" 24	Oct. 7
			Onions	" 2	April 21
			Pears	" 2	Oct. 27
			Peaches	" 4	Sept. 23
			Potatoes	Oct. 6	May 23
*Sanford, Fla.	910	R.W. Kohler	Celery	Jan. 23	June 4
State Farmers Market					
Weslaco, Texas	931	R.E. Winfrey	Citrus	Nov. 3	March 31
P.O. Bldg.			Vegetables	" 15	June 6
* State cooperating					

Aaron Stambaugh returns to the Washington office  
 F.S. Nightingale returns to New York City office  
 R.W. Kohler goes to the Philadelphia office.



## -FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INSPECTION DIVISION-

1f. SEND IN NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED THE ASSISTANT MARKETING SPECIALIST EXAMINATION

All Shipping-Point Supervisors and Market Inspectors are requested to mail to Mr. Robb at once the names of those who are known to have passed the recent Assistant Marketing Specialist Examination. The rating received should also be included. In case you know of some one who passed this examination but do not know his rating, it is suggested that you advise such person to send this information direct to Mr. Robb.

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire T.W. Ayres, Masonic Hall, Foley, Alabama

" Arkansas reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren, Arkansas

" Georgia reports wire H.M. Riley, Grand Bldg., Room 704, Macon, Ga.

" Mexican tomato reports wire R.H. Bertelson, 305 American Ave., Nogales, Arizona

" Mississippi reports wire K.W. Schaible, Federal-State Inspection Service, Crystal Springs, Miss.

" North Carolina reports wire H.T. Westcott, 303 State Agriculture Bldg., Raleigh, North Carolina

" Tennessee reports wire Earl L. Siddick, Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt, Tennessee.

3f. SHIPPING POINT PRODUCTS CIRCULAR ON CABBAGE

The shipping point products circular on Cabbage has been revised. Shipping point supervisors should hold requests for this circular to minimum needs because of limited supply.

4f. TWO REVISED HANDBOOK CIRCULARS ENCLOSED

Copies of revised circulars entitled "Market Inspection of Celery" and "Snap Beans - Green Shell Beans" are enclosed for each fresh fruit and vegetable inspector. These should be inserted in the Handbook immediately, at which time the old copies should be removed and destroyed.

F.G. Robb

## --STANDARDIZATION SECTION--

1c. CORRECTION OF SHORT GRADE FORM FOR POTATOES

The phrase "and internal discoloration" was unintentionally omitted under tolerances for defects opposite U.S. Extra No. 1 and U.S. No. 1 grades on page 6 of the potato standards short form. Inspectors should insert "and internal discoloration" after "5% damage by hollow heart" opposite U.S. Extra No. 1, U.S. No. 1, and U.S. No. 2 grades.

The effective date, June 1, 1942, should also be written on this short form.

2c. ENCLOSURE

A copy of new U.S. Standards for Freestone Peaches for Canning or Freezing (Effective June 4, 1942) accompanies this Branch Letter for each inspector.

W.E. Lewis

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION DURING APRIL 1942  
(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents)

State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.	State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.
Alabama	70	Nebraska	263
Arizona	5702	Nevada	15
Arkansas	48	New York	550
California	5764	North Dakota	912
Colorado	931	Oregon	1382
Delaware	2	Oklahoma	8
Florida	14985	Pennsylvania	55
Georgia	14	Ohio	6
Idaho	3683	South Carolina	88
Iowa	4	Texas	4224
Louisiana	3557	Utah	32*
Maine	3792	Virginia	310
Massachusetts	3	West Virginia	30
Michigan	1079	Washington	2291
Minnesota	600	Wisconsin	156
Mississippi	428	Wyoming	25
Montana	68	TOTAL	51,077

\* There were 311 trucklots aggregating 4,361,330 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Act.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING APRIL 1942

Total			Total		
Markets	Inspections	Same Month Last Year	Markets	Inspections	Same Month Last Year
Albany	6	10	Milwaukee	26	27
Atlanta	46	20	Minneapolis	58	50
Baltimore	45	40	Newark	29	28
Boston	142	243	New Haven	6	11
Buffalo	97	67	New Orleans	73	94
Chicago	187	178	New York	530	820
Cincinnati	47	29	Norfolk	5	4
Cleveland	43	63	Oklahoma City	16	15
Columbus	24	57	Philadelphia	78	107
Denver	33	25	Pittsburgh	142	195
Detroit	276	259	Portland	16	24
Fort Worth	12	9	Raleigh	2	0
Harrisburg	7	3	Rochester	14	25
Hartford	31	68	St. Louis	33	50
Houston	18	14	Salt Lake City	3	2
Indianapolis	10	16	San Francisco	6	0
Jacksonville	15	19	Seattle	16*	30
Kansas City	66	51	Shreveport	27	-
Los Angeles	61	12	Tampa	2	2
Memphis	43	22	Trenton	2*	4
Miami	16	7	Washington, D.C.	10	9
			TOTAL	2319	2709

\* Compiled from certificates in file.

Total fees assessed for April 1942, \$8,323.61  
Total last year \$9,048.45

1517 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receiver's Assn., New York City.



-MARKET PROGRAMS DIVISION-

1g. COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ORANGE ORDER -- The hearing on the new proposed order has been completed and the record received. The Presiding Officer fixed June 5 as the final date for filing briefs, and no action can be taken by the Department until such briefs have been filed. We are in the process of drafting a tentative agreement based upon evidence presented at the hearing.

The Attorney General has authorized the U.S. Attorney in California to proceed with civil suits to collect from handlers delinquent assessments under the present orange order. It is expected that such suits will be filed in the near future, and will be filed in the name of the Growers Advisory Committee. We are still awaiting the decision of the Circuit Court on the appeal in the Frank Belmont case. All other cases have been completed.

CALIFORNIA LEMON ORDER -- The administrator issued regulations limiting shipments of lemons to 650 carloads during the week ending May 16 and 525 carloads for the current week.

On March 7 the Secretary issued a ruling in the matter of the petition of Mutual Orange Distributors, et al, under section 8c(15)(A) of the Act. On March 27, said petitioner filed a bill in the District Court of Southern California seeking a review of said ruling, in accordance with section 8c(15)(B) of the Act. The Secretary has been served with a copy of the complaint, and an answer has been prepared.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA GRAPEFRUIT AGREEMENT PROGRAM -- Copies have been received of investigation reports covering alleged violations of the grapefruit order by Burrell Collins, Phoenix, Arizona, and Arlington Heights Fruit Company, Riverside, California, but no recommendations for action in these cases have been made.

FLORIDA CITRUS ORDER -- On May 9th, the Administrator issued two regulations as follows: (1) For limiting shipments of all varieties of grapefruit during the period 12:01 a.m., May 11 to 12:01 a.m., July 31, 1942, to U.S. No. 2 Russet and better grades; and to sizes 96 and larger for seeded grapefruit, and to sizes 126 and larger for seedless grapefruit; and (2) For limiting shipments of oranges during the same period to U.S. No. 2 Russet and better grades; and to sizes 100 to 324, inclusive. The size regulation is on the basis of minimum diameters which are equivalent to the sizes stated.

In the cases of William McKuhen and William Mann, Judge Waller signed an order on May 13th to file the information and for the issuance of capias. Bond was set at \$250 each. The hearing is expected to be held in June.

Arrangements have been made for holding grower nomination meetings to select nominees for Committee members and alternates during the period May 26-29.

DECIDUOUS TREE FRUIT AGREEMENT PROGRAM -- On May 15 the Plum Commodity Committee met and recommended the establishment of grade and size regulations for the entire seasons of the respective varieties of Beauty, Santa Rosa, and Formosa varieties of plums. Action on these recommendations will be taken immediately.

COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

GEORGIA PEACH AGREEMENT PROGRAM -- The Committee has recommended that maturity regulations be put in effect and that shipments of peaches from Georgia be limited to certain sizes.

CAROLINA AGREEMENT PROGRAM -- The Secretary has given tentative approval to the agreement for South and North Carolina, and called a referendum on an order to be conducted during the period May 12-25. George Eastman is going to the Carolinas to conduct the referendum on the order. If the results are favorable, and an order is issued, M. T. Coogan will arrange to hold meetings, in cooperation with the Extension Service for the purpose of securing nominations for membership on the Growers Industry Committee and the Distributors Advisory Committee.

HOPS AGREEMENT PROGRAM -- A public hearing has been called on a proposed agreement and a proposed order for regulating the shipment of hops grown in California, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. The hearing will begin at Yakima, Washington, on May 28, resume at Salem, Oregon, on June 1, and at Santa Rosa, California, June 5. It is contemplated that Mr. William Powell will preside at this hearing, and Donald Weinland will represent the Washington office of the Market Programs Division.

SPICES AND CONDIMENTS -- Procurement activity is progressing in relation to mustard seed, coriander, cumin, anise, and ginger.

FISCAL ACTIONS -- On May 11 the Secretary selected members and alternates of the Fresh Prune Agreement Program and the Buerre Hardy Pear Program.

PURCHASE OPERATIONS -- During the past two weeks purchases were made of Valencia and Navel oranges in California-Arizona, grapefruit in Central California, Florida oranges and grapefruit for pulp purposes, sugar, strawberries in SO<sub>2</sub>, and sweetpotatoes.

S.R. Smith

ADDRESS CHANGES

O.G. Strauss has been transferred to the Fort Worth office, relieving M.C. Gregory, now in the military service.

Loren R. Gibson is in charge of a new processed foods office established in Room 1, P.O. Building, Gardiner, Maine.

L.V. Bryant advises that his official mail should be addressed as follows:

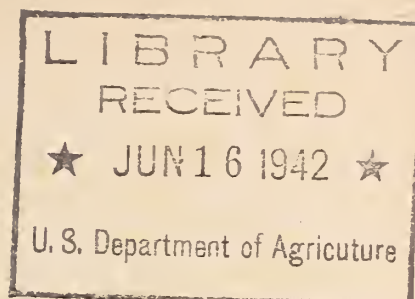
L.V. Bryant  
Agricultural Marketing Administration  
Procurement Division, Subsistence Branch  
California Quartermaster Depot  
15th and Clay Streets  
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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH LETTER

1a. OFFICE SUPPLIES COVERED BY LIMITATION ORDER FROM WAR PRODUCTION BOARD

THIS IS IMPORTANT!

The War Production Board has issued General Limitation Order No. L-73, requiring the utmost economy in the use of office supplies listed therein. Accordingly, the Procurement Office directs that every supply requisition covering any of the items listed below must carry the following certification: "The quantities of those items listed herein which are covered by General Limitation Order L-73 are essential to meet the supply requirements of this office for a period of not in excess of 60 days, and present stocks of these items within the jurisdiction of this office represent approximately a \_\_\_\_\_ days' supply."

Group I

Staples	53-S-5030	through	53-S-5125
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Group II

Bases:			
Paper-fastener	53-B-3118		
Perforator	53-B-3190		
Clamps	54-C-97pp		
Clips	53-C-11804	through	53-C-12442
Cutters, pencil-sharpener	54-C-14520	through	54-C-14590
Eyelets	53-E-6800	through	53-E-6966
Fasteners	53-F-1200	through	53-F-1242
Heads, perforator	53-H-250	through	53-H-310
Machines, paper-fastening	54-M-31501	through	54-M-31630
Perforators	53-P-35950	through	53-P-36006
Pins	53-P-36400	through	53-P-36806
Punches	53-P-38530	through	53-P-38535
Sharpeners, pencil	54-S-12920	through	54-S-13000
Tacks, thumb	53-T-625	through	53-T-655

Group III

Cans, oil	53-C-490		
Files, board	53-F-2204	through	53-F-2320
Holders, label	53-H-710-50		
Indexes	53-I-325		
Protectors, pencil-point	53-P-38300		
Removers, staple	53-S-5188	through	53-S-5190
Ribbons	53-R-1313	through	53-R-3208
Rulers	53-R-4200	through	53-R-4208
Stands, calendar	53-S-4950	through	53-S-4970



2a. TRAVEL - TICKETS, RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS

The Director of Finance advises that, in the face of mounting demands upon public carrier facilities, (1) reservations or tickets should be secured well in advance of the time of departure - at city ticket offices where possible; (2) speculative reservations for conjectural journeys should be avoided - likewise excess reservations should not be made merely for the purpose of protecting last-minute needs; (3) if it becomes necessary to cancel reservations, it should be done as soon as this fact is ascertained; (4) reservations for a Government employee should not remain unclaimed without specific notification being given a representative of the carrier.

3a. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION SHOULD BE FURNISHED PROMPTLY

The Branch Letter of May 8, 1942, requested each office to submit a monthly report covering long distance telephone calls. To the embarrassment of the Washington Branch office, which must make a master report to the office of the Administrator, several offices have not, to date, furnished such a report. INFORMATION REQUESTED THROUGH THE BRANCH LETTER SHOULD BE SUPPLIED AS PROMPTLY AND COMPLETELY AS THOUGH EACH RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECEIVED AN INDIVIDUAL REQUEST.

4a. HOLIDAYS ON WHICH REGULAR HOURS OF DUTY ARE REQUIRED

Personnel Circular No. 119, Supplement No. 1, advises that, when regular hours of duty are required of employees of the Department on legal public holidays, in view of the war, an employee desiring leave of absence on the holiday is required to take annual leave for at least three days preceeding and three days subsequent to the holiday; otherwise, he is subject to having one full day's pay deducted from his salary. This does not apply in the case of illness, in which event it is determined by a responsible administrative official that the employee was actually not able to work on the holiday. This also does not apply if local circumstances in the field service (such as no heat, building locked, etc.) prevent the proper performance of Federal work on such a holiday.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Walter D. Lurry is now in charge of the fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office at New Orleans, Louisiana, replacing R.C.Elliott, who has accepted a position with the University of Hawaii at Honolulu, where he will be engaged in food administration activities in connection with the defense program.

H.M.Riley advises that his office at Winter Haven, Florida, moved from Rooms 10 and 11 to Room 7 in the Postal Arcade Building. Mail address: P.O. Box 1232. Office telephone remains the same - 28-521.

R.C.Lindstrom, in charge of the fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office at San Francisco, announces that his office is now located in Room 2, Agriculture Building, Embarcadero at foot of Mission Street. Office telephone: Exbrook 3844.

Wm. H. Harris is in charge of a new processed foods inspection office established at 1402 Masonic Temple Building, 333 St. Charles St., New Orleans, Louisiana. Telephone: Magnolia 2713.

M.A. Russell, Chicago inspection office, gives his new residence address as 5843 West Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois. Residence 'phone: Mansfield 4613.

5a. HELP LOCATE CURTIS D. COLLINS

Anyone having knowledge of the present address or location of Curtis D. Collins should immediately communicate such information to H.A.Spilman. Mr. Collins formerly operated in the produce business at Atlanta, Georgia, and at various points in the State of Florida.

-MARKET PROGRAMS DIVISION-

1g. COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ORANGE ORDER -- The closing date for filing briefs for the record of the hearing on the proposed marketing agreement and order regulating the handling of California-Arizona oranges is June 5, 1942. After the submission and study of such briefs, consideration will be given to further action relative to the proposal.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA GRAPEFRUIT AGREEMENT -- The Administrator issued an order limiting shipments of Desert Valley-Arizona grapefruit to grades U. S. No. 2 and better grades during the period June 1-July 31, 1942. This is a continuation of the regulation which has been in effect since April 1st.

CALIFORNIA LEMON ORDER -- The Administrator has issued regulations limiting shipments of lemons to 650 carloads during the week ending May 30 and to 525 carloads during the current week. Storage holdings of lemons totaled 3,120,674 boxes on June 1, 1942, as compared with 4,875,409 boxes on the same date a year ago.

VEGETABLE MERCHANDISING CAMPAIGNS -- "Victory Food Specials," to increase the distribution of seasonal vegetables, have been announced through advertising mediums on the following commodities: lettuce during May 11-25; asparagus and spinach during the week of June 1-8; and onions during the period June 8-15. Favorable comments by radio stations have been received in regard to the merchandising drive on lettuce.

DEHYDRATION -- Interest in vegetable dehydration continued, with many industry representatives presenting plans for changing present manufacturing plants to include the dehydration of vegetables. An inter-departmental committee has been formed comprised of E.A. Meyer of the War Production Board, Colonel Paul P. Logan of the United States Army, and W.G. Meal.

CAROLINA PEACH AGREEMENT PROGRAM -- The referendum has been completed, but the final results are not<sup>yet</sup> available in Washington.

GEORGIA PEACH AGREEMENT PROGRAM -- On May 23, the Secretary approved, with certain modifications, the procedural rules in regard to the issuance of exemption certificates adopted by the Industry Committee.

Also on May 23, the Secretary approved the total amount of expenses to be incurred by the Industry Committee and fixed the rate of assessment to be collected to defray the Committee's expenses.

On May 24, the Secretary prescribed that on and after May 24, 1942, all peaches shipped from Georgia meet the maturity requirements defined in the U.S. Standards for Peaches.

During the period May 24-August 15, shipments are prohibited of peaches smaller than specified minimum sizes. These minimum sizes range from 1-5/8 inches in diameter for miscellaneous varieties to 1-7/8 inches in diameter for varieties of the Elberta class.



COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

DECIDUOUS TREE FRUIT AGREEMENT PROGRAM -- On May 25, the Secretary issued grade and size orders as follows: Shipments of Beauty, Santa Rosa, and Formosa plums are restricted to fruit meeting the U.S. No. 1 Grade, with certain additional tolerances for minor defects and for hail damage. The maturity requirements under these regulations are slightly less than those prescribed for the U.S. No. 1 grade. Shipments of Beauty and Santa Rosa plums are prohibited in sizes smaller than 5x5, and shipments of Formosa are prohibited in sizes smaller than 4x5, with a further provision that a shipper may ship Santa Rosa plums of the 5x5 size in an amount equal to 25 percent of his daily shipments of that variety.

SURPLUS PURCHASES -- During the past two weeks purchases were made of onions in Texas, starch, and sweet potatoes in eight States. The last purchases for the fiscal year were made of California-Arizona Valencia oranges during the week ending May 30; also purchases of grapefruit in Central California were completed during the same week.

LEND-LEASE, TEP, AND GCP PURCHASES -- Purchases for Lend-Lease included sugar, hops, canned tomatoes, strawberries for processing in SO<sub>2</sub>, and barrels; for Territorial Emergency Programs, dried onions, potatoes, canned peaches, raisins, prunes, and fresh lemons; and for the General Commodities Purchase program, dried apricots, concentrated lemon and orange juice, processed strawberries, and canned tomatoes.

S. R. Smith

-FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INSPECTION DIVISION-

- 1f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION  
 For Alabama reports wire T.W.Ayres, Masonic Hall, Foley, Alabama  
 " Arkansas reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren, Arkansas  
 " Georgia reports wire H.M.Riley, Grand Bldg., Room 704, Macon, Ga.  
 " Mississippi reports wire K.W.Schaible, Federal-State Inspection Service, Crystal Springs, Miss.  
 " North Carolina reports wire H.T.Westcott, 303 State Agriculture Bldg., Raleigh, North Carolina  
 " Tennessee reports wire Earl L. Biddick, Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt, Tennessee  
 " Virginia reports wire Robert Bier, Cape Charles, Virginia
- 2f. PLEASE ADD TO LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS  
 Milton K. Altschul, Inc. 1645 South Hobart Blvd. \$9.09  
 Los Angeles, Calif.

F.G.Robb

-PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION-1d. PROPERTY RECEIPT FORMS

Instructions covering the inspection of negotiated purchases of processed foods for Government agencies have been amended to provide for the preparation of one copy only of property receipt forms. Inspectors should immediately discontinue issuing these forms in duplicate.

John E. Dodds

CHARGES FOR LOT IN EXCESS OF A CARLOAD.

Section 51.36 of Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 93 contains the following provision; "When the lot involved is in excess of a carload or is not contained in cars, the quantity shall be calculated in terms of carloads and fractions thereof of the customary size for such carloads and the rates aforesaid applied,\*\*\*" The following table should be used in figuring carloads and fractions thereof under the regulation quoted above.

Since it is impracticable to figure exact fractions when a lot is in excess of the number of containers shown in the following table, fractions should be figured in fourths or next higher fourths. Examples: Since a carload of barreled apples is 200 barrels, 215 barrels would be figured as  $1\frac{1}{4}$  carloads and the fee for a grade inspection would be \$5.00. A lot of 260 barrels would be figured as  $1\frac{1}{2}$  carloads and the fee would be \$6.00. The same principle will apply to fees for condition inspections of lots in excess of a carload.

CUSTOMARY NUMBER OF PACKAGES PER CARLOAD

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Customary Loading</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Customary Loading</u>
<u>FRUITS</u>			
Apples		Grapes	
Boxes, eastern ship'ts	630	Lugs (display)	1008
"    western    "	798	Chests (sawdust)	600
Barrels	200	Imports Argen. lug	1400
Baskets	528	12 qt Climax bskt (NY)	1386
Eastern box	528		
		Peaches	
Avocados		Bu. bskt	396
Calif. flats	1600	1/2 bu. bskt	792
Fla. crates	1200	6 bskt carriers	448
Cuban	450		
		Pears	
Cherries		Bu. bskt	528
Boxes western	1400	Std boxes	720
Citrus (all)		Pineapples	
Fla. & Texas wirebound box	420	Crates	350
"    "    std box	434		
4/5 bu. box	800	Prunes (fresh)	
1/2 box	800	1/2 bu. bskt	900
Ariz. & Calif. boxes	462	Pyramid Box	880



CUSTOMARY NUMBER OF PACKAGES PER CARLOAD

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Customary Loading</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Customary Loading</u>
<u>VEGETABLES</u>		<u>Endive &amp; Escarole</u>	
Asparagus		1/2 La. crate	672
Pyramid crates	640	1-1/2 bu. hamper	450
Beans		Honey dew & similar Melons	
Bushels	600	Flat crates	640
Beets (bunched)		Lettuce	
1/2 crates Tex. western	640	Calif., La. crates	320
Broccoli		N.Y. crates - 2 dozen	600
Crates (western)	500	Onions	
Cabbage		50 lb bags (western)	720
Crates La.	320	50 lb bags (other)	500
1-1/2 bu. hampers	480	100 lb bags (western)	360
Sacks 100 lbs	250	100 lb bags (other)	250
Sacks 50 lbs	500	Peanuts (all types)	
1/2 crates	560	Sacks	250
Carrots ( with tops )		Peas	
Crates La.	320	Bu. bskt or hamper	700
1/2 crates	686	Peppers	
Carrots (topped)		1-1/2 bu. crate	450
Bu. bsks	528	Bu. hampers	600
Sacks 50 lbs	250	Potatoes	
Cauliflower		Barrels (double head or cloth top)	200
Crates (western pony)	490	Bu. bskt or crate	550
" ( L. I. crates)	400	Can., Maine & L.I. late - 100 lb. sack	400
Celery		N.J., L.I. early & South 100 lb. sack	300
Half or 10" crates	350	Western & Midwestern	400
2/3 crates	252	Squash	
Wire-bound crates	512	Bu. hampers	464
Cucumbers		Sweet Potatoes	
Bu., crate, or bskt	528	Bu., Hampers, & bsks	440
Eggplant		Tomatoes	
1-1/2 bu. crate	450	Lug boxes	650
Hampers	660	Turnips	
		50 lb. sack	500

## TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Stations	Mail List	In Charge	Products	First Bulletin	Probably Will Close
*Brawley, Calif. Planters Hotel Bldg.	933	J.A.Hunter	Cantaloups Watermelons	May 16 " 16	July 10 " 3
*Charleston, S.C.	858-R	R.M.Fox	Potatoes	May 15	June 10
Crystal Springs, Miss. City Hall Bldg., P.O.Box 168	809	R.G.Risser	Cabbage, Tomatoes & Miscellaneous Vegetables	May 4 " "	June 20 " "
Jacksonville, Texas	811	R.E.Winfrey	Tomatoes	June 9	July 6
*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Oct. 1	June 20
*Leesburg, Fla.	912	R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	June 3	June 17
Macon, Ga.	833	R.E.Keller	Peaches	June 1	Aug. 5
Mobile, Alabama 312 Staples-Pake Bldg.	924	E.R.Mead	Potatoes Cucumbers	May 11 " 11	June 20 " 20
*Onley, Va. Masonic Bldg.	878	S.W.Russell	Strawberries Potatoes	May 11 June 15	June 3 July 23
*Washington, N.C.	926	J.C.Keller	Potatoes	June 1	July 8

## THE FOLLOWING STATIONS CLOSED ON THE DATES INDICATED

Corpus Christi, Texas	801	P.A.Nicholson	Onions	May 6	May 28
Crystal City, Texas	867	M.W.Hanson	Onions	May 4	May 27

Missouri-Pacific Station  
\* State cooperating

Due to a light crop the Phoenix cantaloup office will not be opened this year. Some cantaloup market information, however, will be sent to the State Fruit and Vegetable Standardization office for local dissemination.

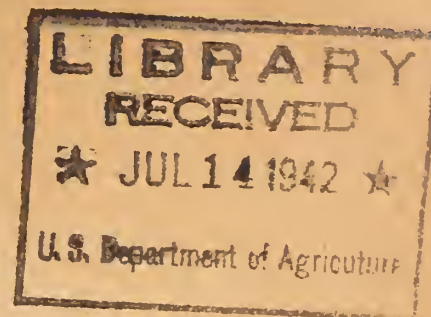
P.A.Nicholson comes to the Washington office for duty in the Marketing Programs Division.

M.W.Hanson will go to Kansas City for a short assignment.





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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH LETTER

1a. LEAVE PROCEDURE

Under date of June 6, 1942, Frederick C. McMillen, Chief of our Personnel Division, issued the following instructions:

"In view of the possibility of the change in leave procedure and the maintenance of leave records, it is urgently requested that all leave applications be transmitted to the Leave Unit of the Personnel Division currently, particularly the applications covering absences just prior to July 1, 1942, when the change in record procedure will become effective."

2a. ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMORANDA AND OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

Page 63 of the Branch Letter, dated May 8, 1942, carried an item under the above heading which read as follows: "In the event a field office should fail to receive one of the series of Administrator's Memoranda or Operational Instructions being issued from time to time, request for the missing copy should be directed to Edward R. Felder, Agricultural Marketing Administration, 516 Steuart Motor Building, 6th and New York Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. It should be borne in mind that it is intended only one copy should be received in each office - omitting individual names from the mailing list." Mr. Felder's office is no longer located in the Steuart Motor Building. He should now be addressed c/o the Administrative Services Division, Agricultural Marketing Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

A new processed foods inspection office has opened at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 637 Federal Building. Kenneth E. Benson in charge. Phone: Broadway 8600.

A temporary processed foods office has opened at Stockton, Calif., 238 E. Harding Way. E.O. Miller in charge. Phone: 7-7269.

R.C. Lindstrom advises that his residence address is 1513 Acton Street, Berkeley, California. Residence telephone: Landscape 5-6044.



3a. VOLUNTARY PAYROLL ALLOTMENT PLAN FOR WAR BONDS

The Secretary has asked each regularly employed person in the Department of Agriculture to participate in the Voluntary Payroll Allotment Plan for War Bonds. Everyone knows the significance and importance of this Plan if we are to successfully prosecute an all-out war effort.

There are being distributed, under separate cover, to our various field offices the following:

For each employee: (1) A Memorandum of May 23, 1942, signed by the Secretary. (2) A pamphlet entitled "A message to You."

Each regular field office is to appoint a "Minute Man" to contact the regularly employed personnel and acquaint it with the Plan. Each Minute Man should be supplied with:

1. Memorandum from the Secretary, May 23.
2. "A Message to You."
3. Card 2254 (Pledge Card)
4. Form 1, Minute Man's Record Card
5. Handbook for Minute Men
6. Voluntary Payroll Savings Plan Regulations

Minute Men will find instructions complete and detailed. It is to be noted that the Minute Men should turn in the pledge cards (Form 2254) to the appropriate approving officer, who actually prepares the payroll on which pledgee is paid, and who will retain said cards in his office, the Form 1 card to be sent to Washington so that a compilation of all contributions may be made. C.A. Dickerson, Accounting Officer, (Washington office) will instruct the Approving Officers regarding the deductions.

Field employees on temporary assignments should submit the pledge card to the office (approving officer) from which they are paid, sending the Form 1 (card) to Wm. C. Hasbrouck, Fruit and Vegetable Branch, A.M.A., Washington, D.C.

With reference to the food products inspectors stationed in the smaller offices and canning factories, it is suggested that the Regional Supervisors, or their deputized Minute Men, handle the Plan with all those regularly employed in their territory. (Temporary employees and those employed under Letter of Authorization are to be excluded.)

The pledge card (Form 2254) should be submitted by every regularly employed person, to the proper approving officer, and the Form 1 card must be returned to Mr. Hasbrouck, in Washington, not later than July 15. It is contemplated that the first payroll deduction shall be made by July 31.

-MARKET NEWS DIVISION-

1b. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES ON THE WA-WI AND SA-SI PAGES OF THE CODE:  
(Effective June 29, 1942)

On the WA-WI (Miscellaneous) page of the code add

AH Blackcaps and change

AT Danvers Half Long to

AT Redcaps

WAX crates 50 lbs. (peas) to

WAX 24 pint crates

On the SA-SI (Watermelon) page of the code cancel meaning of

AQ Irish Gray

In D.L. of July 11, 1941 AQ Cannonball was added on the Watermelon page, but meaning Irish gray was not taken out at that time.

2b. RETURNING EQUIPMENT UPON CLOSE OF TEMPORARY FIELD STATION

Upon closing a temporary field station the equipment returned to the office from which received should be shipped by freight and not by express inasmuch as express is too costly. The Government Bill of Lading covering such shipments should show the appropriation number, name of the issuing office, name and title of issuing officer and signature of the consignor, stating that pick-up service was not by the Government.

3b. SEALING MIMEOGRAPHED MARKET REPORTS

The Branch letter of May 22 carried an item on the possibility of discontinuing the sealing of mimeographed market reports for mailing. It is assumed that by this time, at least, all field men using the Dunagin Sealing device have discussed the matter with their local postmasters. A report from each such office will be appreciated, as we would like to know the success or lack of success each office has had in securing local approval of the mailing of folded but unsealed mimeographed reports.

B. C. Boree



<u>TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE</u>							
<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>		
*Allendale, S.C.	938	R.M. Fox	Watermelons	June 30	July 22		
*Brawley, Calif.	933	J.A. Hunter	Cantaloups	May 16	July 10		
Planters Hotel Bldg.			Watermelons	" 16	" 3		
*Charleston, S.C.	858-R	R.M. Fox	Potatoes	May 15	June 13		
428 County Center Bldg.			Mixed Vegetables	" 19	" 27		
Jacksonville, Texas	811	R.E. Winfrey	Tomatoes	June 9	July 6		
P.O. Box 670							
Macon, Ga.	833	R.E. Keller	Peaches	June 1	Aug. 5		
703 Grand Bldg.							
Moultrie, Ga.	832	R.M. Peterson	Watermelons	June 22	July 15		
*Onley, Va.	878	S.W. Russell	Strawberries	May 11	June 3		
Masonic Bldg.			Potatoes	June 15	July 28		

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

Crystal Springs, Miss.	809	R.G. Risser	Cabbage, Tomatoes	May 4	June 25		
City Hall Bldg.,			& Miscellaneous	" "	" "		
P.O. Box 168			Vegetables	" "	" "		
*Lakeland, Fla.	920	H.F. Willson	Citrus	Oct. 1	June 20		
P.O. Box 191							
*Leesburg, Fla.	912	R.M. Peterson	Watermelons	June 3	June 20		
Mobile, Alabama	924	E.R. Mead	Potatoes	May 11	June 20		
312 Staples-Pake Bldg.			Cucumbers	" 11	" 20		
*Washington, N.C.	926	J.C. Keller	Potatoes	June 1	July 2		
Room 208 Post Office Bldg.							

THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Hamlet, N.C.	939	H.F. Willson	Peaches	July 6	Aug. 8
			<u>Watermelons</u>	<u>July 15</u>	<u>July 30</u>
* State cooperating					

M.W. Hanson will go to St. Louis for a short assignment.

-MARKET PROGRAMS DIVISION-

1g. COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ORANGE ORDER -- The time for filing briefs for the record of the hearing on the proposed marketing agreement and proposed order regulating the handling of California-Arizona oranges expired on June 5. The report of the Administrator is now being prepared and will be filed with the Hearing Clerk this week. Interested parties will be given fifteen days after publication of the notice of filing of this report during which time they may file exceptions thereto.

While no recommendations for regulations under the program now in effect have been made during recent months, the Growers Advisory Committee continues to meet, and the Agency continues to function. The activities of the Agency, however, are on a limited basis, and reports are made available to growers and handlers upon the basis of information furnished by the handlers.

The appellants in the case of Frank Belmont, et al, versus U.S.A. before the Circuit Court of Appeals have filed their opening brief, to which the defendants will have an opportunity to answer.

CALIFORNIA LEMON ORDER -- The Administrator has issued regulations limiting shipments of lemons to 700 carloads during the week ending June 13 and to 600 carloads during the week ending June 21.

FLORIDA CITRUS ORDER -- No new grade and size regulations have been recommended for oranges, grapefruit, and tangerines, as the present ones will not expire until July 31, 1942.

HOPS AGREEMENT PROGRAM -- The hearing on this proposal was completed on schedule. The record of the hearing has been received, and is being studied for the purpose of determining what action should be taken on the agreement and order.

WALNUT DIVERSION PROGRAM -- On June 12th the Secretary signed the docket approving the surplus sales contract under the walnut and export diversion program for the new fiscal year.

CAROLINA PEACH AGREEMENT -- After an analysis of the results of the referendum held on the order, it was decided that the Carolina peach program should not be put into effect because of the small representation of growers participating in the vote. About two-thirds of the growers in the area did not cast ballots during the 6-day referendum period, although 62 percent of the growers voting approved the program. This meant that only 20 percent of all Carolina growers approved the program.

GEORGIA PEACH AGREEMENT -- Order No. 3, effective 8:01 p.m., June 18, to 12:01 a.m., e.w.t., August 15, 1942, prohibits the shipment of Georgia peaches not meeting the requirements of U.S. No. 1 or higher grades, except that tolerances somewhat greater than those allowed in



## GEORGIA PEACH AGREEMENT (cont'd)

such grades are permitted. Moreover, peaches with split pits constituting either damage or serious damage may be shipped if such peaches meet the other requirements of Order No. 3.

Amendment No. 1 to Size Order No. 1, effective 8:01 p.m., e.w.t., June 18, 1942, to 12:01 a.m., e.w.t., August 15, prohibits the shipment of peaches of the Golden Jubilee variety smaller than 1-5/8 inches in diameter. Under the schedule of size regulations of this variety, previously in effect, the minimum size permitted to be shipped was 1-3/4 inches in diameter.

DECIDUOUS TREE FRUIT AGREEMENT PROGRAM -- On June 16 the Administrator issued regulations as follows, in accordance with recommendations of the Plum Commodity Committee:

Variety	Minimum Grade	Minimum Size	Effective Period
Miscellaneous	U. S. No. 1/1	None	June 17 - August 31
Becky Smith	U. S. No. 1/1	4 x 5	June 17 - August 15
Aldorado	U. S. No. 1/1	20% 5 x 5/4	June 17 - August 31
Tradedy	U. S. No. 1/2	10% 6 x 6/4	June 17 - July 31
Burbank	U. S. No. 1/3	4 x 5	June 17 - August 15
Gaviota	U. S. No. 1/1	4 x 5	June 17 - July 31
Climax	U. S. No. 1/1	4 x 5	June 17 - July 31
Wickson	U. S. No. 1/1	10% 4 x 5/4	June 17 - August 15
Duarte	U. S. No. 1/1	25% 5 x 5/4	June 17 - September 15

/1. 15% tolerance for minor defects, 100% tolerance for limited hail damage, in addition to usual tolerance. /2. Same as /1, except 25% tolerance for minor defects. /3. Same as /1, except 20% tolerance. /4. Percent given means that the quantity of the minimum size (including miscellaneous larger sizes up to but not including the next well-established size) that may be shipped daily is limited to that percent of the total day's shipment of the variety. Undershipments of the minimum size may be accumulated for two days for shipment on the third day.

FISCAL ACTIONS -- On June 1 the Secretary selected the members and alternates of the Control Committee established under the California deciduous tree fruit marketing agreement and order. Selections of the Control Committee for the potato marketing agreement in Colorado were made on June 17 by the Assistant to the Secretary.

SURPLUS PURCHASES -- During the past two weeks purchases have been made of onions in Texas and in Georgia.

LEND-LEASE, TEP, AND GCP PURCHASES -- Purchases for Lend-Lease included canned peas, canned tomatoes, strawberries in SO<sub>2</sub>, orange juice (single strength), prunes, raisins, acetic acid, ascorbic acid, cornstarch, laundry starch, fruit extracts, instant hot cocoa, tea, sugar, hops, fruit syrups, golden syrup, cinnamon, bay laurel leaves, nutmeg, soy sauce, coriander, ginger, cumin, allspice, mustard flour and seed, coffee, pepper, vanilla beans, and poppy seed; for Territorial Emergency Programs, fresh onions; and for the General Commodities Purchase Program, concentrated lemon juice, concentrated orange juice, processed strawberries, and canned tomatoes.

MERCHANDISING CAMPAIGNS -- Tomatoes will be featured as a Victory Food Special during the week of June 29-July 4.

STARCH DIVERSION PROGRAM -- Through June 13, 1,770,505 barrels of potatoes have been diverted into starch.

VEGETABLE DEHYDRATION -- On May 26 the Department issued a press release announcing an expansion program for vegetable dehydration. The program provides for the filing of application forms with the Fruit and Vegetable Branch of the Agricultural Marketing Administration by food processors who are interested in expanding or converting existing facilities for vegetable dehydration. These application forms will be given consideration by a committee composed of representatives from several Government agencies.

The following points will be taken into account in considering processors' applications:

1. Location of facilities with respect to war strategy.
2. Suitability of existing plants for expansion or conversion to vegetable dehydration work.
3. Availability of management, and labor experienced in dehydration or other food processing work.
4. Possibility of converting existing food processing facilities to vegetable dehydration work with the least possible use of critical materials.
5. Availability of ample supplies of fresh vegetables.
6. Availability of labor for production and harvesting of vegetables.
7. Ability of plant operators to arrange financing of the expansion or conversion of existing facilities to vegetable dehydration work.
8. Geographical and climatic conditions affecting the suitability of vegetables for dehydration.

S. R. Smith



## -FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INSPECTION DIVISION-

1f. "OREGON STANDARDS FOR TOPPED PARSNIPS, 1942"  
"THE MARKETING OF GREENS"

Without having been mentioned in the Branch Letter of June 5, 1942, there were transmitted therewith, to market news men and the inspectors of fresh fruits and vegetables, Circular No. 644, entitled "The Marketing of Greens" and to the inspectors only, copy of "Oregon Standards for Topped Parsnips, 1942."

2f. "MARKET INSPECTION OF WATERMELONS"

Circular entitled "Market Inspection of Watermelons" accompanies this Branch Letter. for each receiving market inspector of fresh fruits and vegetables. This revised circular should be immediately inserted in the Receiving Market Handbook, the old copy removed and destroyed.

3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire T.W. Ayres, Masonic Hall, Foley, Alabama.

" Arkansas reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren, Arkansas.

" Georgia reports wire H.M. Riley, Grand Bldg., Room 704, Macon, Ga.

" Mississippi reports wire K.W. Schaible, Federal-State Inspection Service, Crystal Springs, Miss.

" North Carolina reports wire H.T. Westcott, 303 State Agriculture Bldg., Raleigh, North Carolina.

" Oklahoma reports wire Fain Cesar (Western Union) Poteau, Oklahoma.

" Tennessee reports wire Earl L. Biddick, Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt, Tennessee.

" Virginia reports wire Robert Bier, Cape Charles, Virginia.

## -PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION-

1d. PROCESSED FOODS LABORATORY EQUIPMENT

Heretofore the Edlund and Dazey De Luxe can openers have been considered as semi-expendable and did not carry a property number. We are now required to list these articles as non-expendable and will be furnished decalcomania numbers for them. For this reason, we need to canvass the Processed Foods field offices for the number of each on hand and the source from which received. We also need a similar report of the clamps on hand since a number of these clamps were sent to the field before it was known they would be considered as semi-expendable and that we would be required to list them on our inventory. This information should be directed, as soon as possible, to Mrs. E. Mills - Agricultural Marketing Administration, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., stated as follows:

Openers, can, Edlund: On Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Received from \_\_\_\_\_

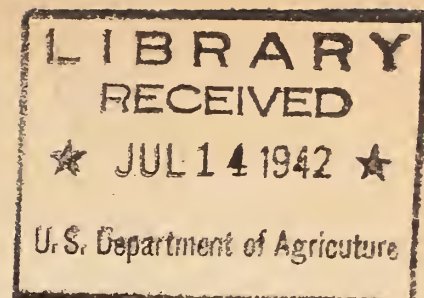
Openers, can, Dazey DeLuxe: On Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Received from \_\_\_\_\_

Clamps: On Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Received from \_\_\_\_\_

4f. A revised products circular entitled "Inspection of Tomatoes for Canning and Processing" is now available. Copies will be mailed only when requests are received for them. This circular takes the place of the one entitled "Inspection of Cannery Tomatoes" which should be removed from the Handbook and destroyed.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH LETTER

1a. APPROPRIATION AND PROJECT NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1943.

With the beginning of the Fiscal Year 1943 (July 1) no change is made in our various Project numbers.

(regular)

The main/appropriation number has been changed from 1222500 to "1233410, Salary and Expenses, Marketing Service, Agricultural Marketing Administration, 1943." No change in sub-appropriation numbers except Market News Service, which is now .070 instead of .071, as last fiscal year.

All Trust Fund appropriation numbers and Project numbers remain unchanged - Fiscal year 1943 should, of course, be substituted for 1942.

The Project 22-1509 (War Department) appropriation number is now "122/35925 Working Fund, Agricultural Marketing Service 1942 and 1943."

The Project 23-1502 and Project 23-1503 for the Fiscal Year 1943 carries the appropriation number - "12-3630100(34) Salaries & Expenses Veterans Administration (Transfer to Agricultural Marketing Service), 1943 (AMA)."

2a. JULY 4 - HOLIDAY

As a result of information received from the Department Director of Personnel, the following quoted wire was transmitted over the leased wire system by Mr. Meal on June 30: "All employees excused from official duties Saturday July 4 unless war effort necessitates work which will be decided by your Section and Division heads."

3a. OBSOLETE RUBBER STAMPS

Rubber stamps, which are obsolete and of no further use, may be sent to the Washington office for salvage.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Correction: - Stockton, California, processed foods office is located at 1238 E. Harding Way instead of 238, as indicated in the Branch Letter of June 19. E. O. Miller in charge.



ADDRESS CHANGES (Continued)

Under date of June 23, 1942, Mr. Fred W. Luffman advises - "This is to give notice of change in address. All communications should be addressed to 2511 S. W. 6th Street, Miami, Florida - for both office and residence. Telephone 48-2324."

A new processed Foods inspection office has opened at Denver, Colorado - 551 Custom House, 20th and California Streets. R. C. Meehan in charge.

A new processed foods inspection office at Berkeley, California - Room 420, Mercantile Building. Loyde M. Billman in charge. Telephone: Thornwall - 8826.

John K. Simonds - Yakima processed foods office writes under date of June 26 - "This is to advise that our address will be changed immediately from P. O. Box 803 to Room 212, Liberty Building, Yakima, Washington. Our room number has been changed from 210 to 212, due to a change in the office building's arrangement."

Another new processed foods office at 200 Federal Building, Cedar Rapids, Iowa - Floyd J. Weaver in charge. Telephone: 32951.

Again - a new processed foods office at 412 Gorham Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota - E. H. Yaeger in charge.

A temporary processed foods office has opened at Room 4, Post Office Building, Eastport, Maine. E. P. Arnold in charge.

-MARKET NEWS DIVISION-

1b. WHAT WAS TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS AND FIRMS SERVED WITH REPORTS DURING 1941. (Reply attention Miss. Watt)

The men in charge of field offices and temporary field offices open during 1941 are requested to furnish a statement of the total number of individuals and firms served with reports issued by their offices during the calendar year 1941. This information is to be included in the Annual Report for the Division.

A number of the reports of office activities sent in from the field offices give a figure for the total number on their mailing lists, but in some of these reports the statement accompanying the figure is too indefinite for our purpose.

For temporary field offices at which reports were issued on one product, the figure can be taken from the MS 32's, but for those offices putting out reports on two or more products the man who was in charge should furnish the approximate number served during the year.

Care should be taken to avoid duplication. For example if John Smith's name is on two plates because he receives strawberry reports and later the potato report, his name should be counted as "one" only.

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Allendale, S. C.	938	R. M. Fox	Watermelons	June 30	July 22
*Hamlet, N. C.	939	H. F. Willson	Peaches	July 6	Aug. 8
			Watermelons	July 15	July 30
Macon, Ga. ) 703 Grand Bldg.)	833	R. E. Keller	Peaches	June 1	Aug. 5
Macon, Ga. )	833	R. M. Peterson	Watermelons	July 6	July 25
Nashville, Ark.	873	R. E. Winfrey	Peaches	July 15	July 30
*Onley, Va.	878	S. W. Russell	Strawberries	May 11	June 3
Masonic Bldg.			Potatoes	June 15	July 28

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Brawley, Calif.	933	J. A. Hunter	Cantaloups	May 16	July 10
Planters Hotel Bldg.			Watermelons	" 16	" 3
*Charleston, S. C.	858-R	R. M. Fox	Potatoes	May 15	June 13
428 County Center Bldg.			Mixed Vegetables	" 19	" 27
Jacksonville, Texas	811	R. E. Winfrey	Tomatoes	June 9	July 6
Moultrie, Ga.	832	R. M. Peterson	Watermelons	June 22	July 3

\* State Cooperating

M. W. Hanson returns to Chicago.  
 J. C. Keller to Detroit, A. K. Bredin on leave.  
 R. G. Risser in Denver, Bryce Morris on leave.  
 R. E. Winfrey on leave.



## -REGULATORY DIVISION-

1e REVISED FORM OF "APPLICATION FOR LICENSE" NOW AVAILABLE

Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act Application for License forms PAC-1, PAC 1-2, PAC 1-3, PAC 1-4 and PAC 1-5 are now obsolete, a new form P.A.C.-1-6 now being available. A small supply of the new form is being distributed with this Branch Letter. The old forms should be discarded as obsolete material so that it will not be possible to use the old forms in place of the new. Additional supplies of the new form may be secured upon request to the Washington office of Mr. Walleigh, A.M.A.

H. A. Spilman

## -FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INSPECTION DIVISION-

1f Inspection Circular of Tomatoes for Canning and Processing

Through error in the last Branch Letter, article 4f on page 91 was placed under "Processed Fruit and Vegetable Division". All supervisors of cannery tomato inspection work should take notice and order the number of copies of this circular which they will need during the coming season.

2f Garlic in San Joaquin Valley, California

Some of the garlic in the San Joaquin Valley this season shows very little color and might easily be mistaken for later white garlic. Careful examination, however, will show traces of pink in practically all bulbs. Receiving market inspectors who may be called to inspect any of this garlic should not certify it as mixed varieties even though it may so appear.

3f TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Masonic Hall, Foley, Alabama.

" Arkansas reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren, Arkansas.

" Georgia reports wire H. M. Riley, Grand Bldg., Room 704, Macon, Georgia.

" Kansas reports wire N. D. Sanborn, Chesterfield Hotel, Topeka, Kansas.

" Mississippi reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Crystal Springs, Miss.

" Missouri potato reports wire N. D. Sanborn, Chesterfield Hotel, Topeka, Kansas.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon, Nebraska.

" Oklahoma reports wire Fain Cesar (Western Union) Poteau, Oklahoma.

" South Carolina watermelon reports wire F. W. Luffman, Federal-State Inspection Service, Allendale, S. C.

" Tennessee reports wire Earl L. Biddick, Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt, Tennessee.

" Virginia reports wire Robert Bier, Onley, Virginia.

F. G. Robb

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING MAY 1942  
 (L.C.L.'s reduced to carlot equivalents)

State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.	State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.
Alabama	1378	Montana	8
Arizona	1741	Nebraska	8
Arkansas	280	New Jersey	1
California	8199	New York	57
Colorado	308	Nevada	19
Florida	11155	North Carolina	222
Georgia	240	Oklahoma	1
Idaho	1257	Oregon	274
Illinois	103	Pennsylvania	20
Indiana	145	South Carolina	1272
Kentucky	1036	Tennessee	1544
Louisiana	3966	Texas	5201
Maine	2218	Utah	2*
Maryland	115	Virginia	274
Massachusetts	2	Washington	1168
Michigan	572	West Virginia	4
Minnesota	40	Wisconsin	57
Mississippi	1916	TOTAL	44,803

\* There were 173 trucklots aggregating 2,022,770 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Acts. The following reports not yet received: Missouri and North Dakota.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING MAY 1942

Total			Same Month		
Markets	Inspections	Last Year	Markets	Inspections	Last Year
Albany	16	25	Milwaukee	30	32
Atlanta	84	15	Minneapolis	45	61
Baltimore	47	73	Newark	38	28
Boston	138	169	New Haven	6	10
Buffalo	111	108	New Orleans	66	71
Chicago	210	209	New York	273	820
Columbia, S. C.	1	0	Norfolk	8	10
Cincinnati	33	24	Oklahoma City	16	7
Cleveland	109	71	Philadelphia	115	133
Columbus	28*	26	Pittsburgh	148	256
Denver	57	42	Portland	24	22
Detroit	278	289	Raleigh	1	1
Fort Worth	10	17	Rochester	19	20
Harrisburg	2	1	St. Louis	54	43
Hartford	30	29	Salt Lake City	19	34
Houston	17	13	San Francisco	1	0
Indianapolis	9	6	Seattle	71	41
Jackson	0	1	Shreveport	28	-
Jacksonville	26	30	Tampa	1	2
Kansas City	39	68	Trenton	0	1
Los Angeles	82	3	Washington, D. C.	24	11
Memphis	29	4	TOTAL	2364	2827
Miami	21	1	Total fees assessed for Total last year		

\* Compiled from certificates in file. May, 1942, \$10,181.16 \$9,894.03  
 1580 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receiver's Assn.,  
 New York City.



-MARKET PROGRAMS DIVISION-

1g. COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ORANGE ORDER -- The report of the Administrator on the proposed marketing agreement and order for California-Arizona oranges was filed on June 23, 1942. Interested parties may file exceptances and briefs in support thereof until July 10, 1942.

The Agency administering the agreement and order continues to meet, but no regulations have been recommended. Handlers continue to file reports and such information is made available to the industry in a weekly market bulletin.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA GRAPEFRUIT PROGRAM -- Regulations previously issued by the Administrator continue in effect until July 31, 1942, and limit shipments of Desert Valley-Arizona grapefruit to U. S. No. 2 and better grades.

The marketing season has been completed in Imperial, Coachella and Yuma Valleys. All remaining Desert grapefruit is now moving from the Salt River Valley, and the season will be completed about July 20th.

CALIFORNIA LEMON ORDER -- The Administrator has issued regulations limiting shipments of lemons to 600 carloads during the week ending June 28 and to 400 carloads during the week ending July 5, 1942.

On June 22, the Secretary of Agriculture issued a ruling on the petition of Cahill-Battaglia Company and Wm. P. Pann, d.b.a., Angeles Brokerage Company, for exemption from the operation of the order regulating the handling of lemons grown in the States of California and Arizona. The ruling denied the petition.

FLORIDA CITRUS ORDER -- On June 15, Judge Barker at Tampa, Florida, fined William Mann \$50 and placed William McKuhen under probation for a period of one year. Both defendants pleaded guilty, but Mann accepted full responsibility for the violations. On the same date, Judge Barker also fined James D. Palmer, Hartford, Alabama, \$50 for a violation of the Florida citrus order after a plea of guilty had been entered. Also, Wm. D. Thomas pleaded guilty to violation of the Florida citrus order on June 15, and was fined \$50.

DECIDUOUS AGREEMENT AND ORDER PROGRAM -- The Bartlett Pear Commodity Committee met on June 30, and recommended grade and size regulations which would be like the ones in effect for the 1941 season.

FISCAL ACTIONS -- On June 26, the Secretary approved the budget of the Control Committee under the California deciduous tree fruit agreement program. On June 30, the Secretary selected members and alternates of the Winter Pear Control Committee, and approved action of the Deciduous tree fruit Control Committee in employing certain confidential employees.

1g. COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES (Continued)

LEND-LEASE, TEP, AND GCP PURCHASES -- Purchases for Lend-Lease included concentrated orange juice, concentrated lemon juice, oil of lemon, powdered gelatin dessert, custard powder, processed strawberries, grapefruit oil, American worm seed oil, processed raspberries, sassafras oil, spearmint oil, and canned tomatoes; for the General Commodities Purchase Program, cube sugar, granulated sugar, acetic acid, citric acid, riboflavin, concentrated lemon juice, lemon oil, cornstarch, concentrated orange juice, processed strawberries, fresh lemons, cane syrup, fountain syrup, canned tomatoes, canned beets, canned celery, canned peas, canned sauer kraut, canned spinach, canned tomato juice, canned orange juice (not concentrated), allspice, ascorbic acid, soda, bay leaves, coriander, cinnamon, cumin, coffee, gelatin, ginger, mustard flour, mustard seed, nutmeg, ovaltine, pepper, poppy seed, soy sauce, tea, synthetic fruit extracts, onions, table salt, and vanilla beans; and for Territorial Emergency Programs, fresh onions. Dehydrated carrots and potatoes were also purchased for Lend-Lease.

MERCHANDISING CAMPAIGNS -- Beets and snap beans are scheduled for Victory Food Specials the week of July 6-11. Tomatoes were featured the week of June 29-July 4.

VEGETABLE DEHYDRATION -- Completed questionnaires are now being received from food processors interested in converting or expanding their facilities for vegetable dehydration. About 50 questionnaires have been received to date, and these are now being acted upon by the Inter-Departmental Committee of representatives from the Quartermaster Corp, War Production Board, and Department of Agriculture.

SURPLUS PURCHASES -- Onions were purchased in Texas, Georgia, and Louisiana.

S. R. Smith

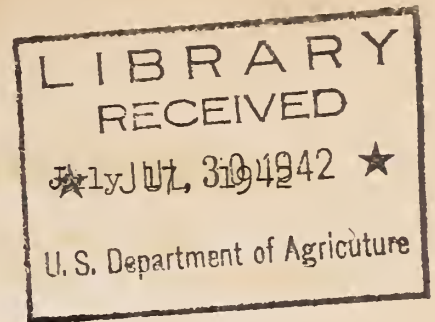
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AGRICULTURAL APPROPRIATION BILL NOT YET PASSED

At the time this Branch Letter goes to be mimeographed The Congress has not passed the Agricultural Appropriation Bill for the new fiscal year (July 1, 1942). This is seriously retarding the functioning of all offices handling "service" or "fiscal" work. Letters of Authorization for the new fiscal year are just now being prepared. Requisitions for supplies and purchase orders are being delayed. Hundreds of Letters of Authorization, payrolls and requisitions of all kinds must be prepared in the Washington office when funds have been established. Obviously, the work of these offices will be exceedingly congested for several weeks.





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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH LETTER

1a. MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF

I have been pleased with the fine cooperative spirit shown by the personnel of the various Divisions and sections in working together on the varied activities of this Branch. Each of our lines of work has a definite place in the broad operations of the Branch in providing the services and assistance to growers, processors, distributors and consumers of fruits and vegetables for which we have been established. As we work together we shall find many ways in which we can further correlate the work of our various Divisions into a well-rounded operation for the benefit of the fruit and vegetable industry. As one instance of this we have requested several of our Market News Offices to furnish information needed by our Market Programs Division concerning present or anticipated distressed seasonal market conditions for various vegetables. A distressed market condition, or economic surplus, may be said to exist when prices of a commodity decline to such an extent that returns to growers are inadequate for them to continue producing normal supplies of the commodity, and to maintain their purchasing power at a level comparable to producers of other goods. Under such conditions, future production of a commodity may be curtailed, and wastage of the present crop may occur.

To aid in preventing such waste, information is needed on present large supplies and also information that will permit us to anticipate periods of over-supply in particular districts or markets. Based on this information, various steps may be originated to alleviate the anticipated situation, such as the stimulating of consumer demands during the periods of peak marketings by methods such as the designation of the commodity as a "Victory Food Special". A distressed market condition may require a purchase or other surplus removal program.

Depending on the results of this trial of obtaining advance supply information, we may find it desirable to later request all of our field representatives, including inspectors, to keep us advised of anticipated changes in the supplies of certain commodities. This should not be difficult, once a definite procedure has been developed, to transmit the information to Washington because our field representatives now must judge to a more or less extent the anticipated movement of various commodities in handling their assignments, either as market news representatives or supervising inspectors.

Wm. G. Neal

2a. ADDRESS CHANGES

H. H. Henderson, in charge of the Norfolk, Virginia, fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office advises that his office address is now 288 Brokers Exchange Building, 264 Tazewell Street. The office telephone number remains the same - Norfolk 49709.



2a. ADDRESS CHANGES (Continued)

The Los Angeles processed foods office, Thomas K. Miller in charge, has moved to 1644 East 4th Street, Santa Ana, California.

The Fayetteville, Arkansas, processed foods office, G. Woodrow Liddell in charge, has moved to 318 West Dickson Street.

P. Hugh Zenor, of the Sacramento, California, processed foods office, states that his residence address is now 325 - 29th Street, Sacramento, California. Residence telephone: 2-3130.

3a. APPLICATION FOR LEAVE PRIOR TO SEPARATION FROM ACTIVE DUTY

When a form covering application for leave is submitted for a period immediately preceeding separation from active service - whether by furlough (military or otherwise) transfer, retirement or resignation, this fact should be plainly indicated at the top of the form somewhat as follows: "Preceeding Furlough" or "Preceeding Resignation."

4a. DISCONTINUANCE OF SUBMISSION OF L.A. VOUCHERS TO PROCUREMENT DIVISION

Form 1034 vouchers covering purchases made in the field under Letter of Authorization authority need no longer be prepared in triplicate for the purpose of sending the third copy to the Procurement Division. Effective immediately this practice may be discontinued. All 1034 vouchers should, of course, be submitted to the administrative office in duplicate, as heretofore.

## -MARKET NEWS DIVISION-

1b. ADDITION ON THE NI PAGE OF THE CODE (Effective July 27, 1942)

On the NI (Peaches) page of the code	add
EC Hale Havens U. S. No. 1	
OC Hale Havens	

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## -REGULATORY DIVISION-

1e. SUSPENDED P.A.C.A. LICENSE

Effective May 5, 1942, the license under the PACA issued to C. H. Finley, Austin, Texas, was automatically suspended by operation of law because of failure to pay a reparation award. Anyone having knowledge of his operating in the fruit and vegetable industry in interstate commerce after the suspension of license became effective is requested to advise Mr. H. A. Spilman, making reference to PACA C-2574.

H. A. Spilman

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Anna, Illinois	938	R. M. Fox	Peaches	July 27	Aug. 8
*Fresno, Calif. Holland Bldg.	919	J. A. Hunter	Cantaloups Grapes	July 20 July 20	Sept. 18 Nov. 13
*Hamlet, N. C.	939	H. F. Willson	Peaches Watermelons	July 6 July 15	Aug. 8 July 30
Nashville, Ark.	873	R. E. Winfrey	Peaches	July 15	July 30

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Allendale, S. C.	938	R. M. Fox	Watermelons	June 30	July 18
Macon, Ga. 703 Grand Bldg.	833	R. E. Keller	Peaches	June 1	July 31
Macon, Ga. 703 Grand Bldg.	833	R. M. Peterson	Watermelons	July 6	July 25
*Onley, Va. Masonic Bldg.	878	S. W. Russell	Potatoes Strawberries	June 15 May 11	July 22 June 3

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Benton Harbor, Mich.	838	R. E. Keller	Apples	Aug. 4	Nov. 6
205 P. O. Bldg.			Grapes	Sept. 21	Oct. 15
			Onions	Sept. 9	Oct. 31
			Peaches	Aug. 4	Sept. 18
			Pears	Aug. 12	Oct. 15
			Potatoes	Oct. 1	Oct. 31

\* State Cooperating

R. M. Peterson in Atlanta - B. E. Surry on leave.

J. C. Keller to Detroit until July 25 - A. K. Bredin on leave -  
After July 27, Keller to Cincinnati.

R. G. Risser on leave.

S. W. Russell proceeds Boston - H. S. Stiles on leave.



-MARKET PROGRAMS DIVISION-

1g. COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ORANGE ORDER -- The time permitted for filing exceptions and supporting briefs to the report of the Administrator, in the matter of the proposed agreement and order regulating the handling of oranges grown in the State of California or in the State of Arizona, expired July 10th. Formal exceptions were filed on behalf of numerous parties, and consideration is now being given to such exceptions.

The case of United States of America against Frank Belmont, doing business under the name of Granada Packing House, has been appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals. The appellants have filed their opening brief and the Department of Justice is now in the process of preparing the Government brief in reply thereto. Representatives of the Solicitor's Office, as well as this office, are assisting in the preparation of this brief.

CALIFORNIA LEMON ORDER -- The Administrator has issued regulations limiting shipments of lemons to 400 carloads during the week ending July 12 and 375 carloads during the current week. Due to cool weather in the Eastern States, the price of lemons has been unusually low during the summer season until the slight increase during the past two weeks.

On June 26th the presiding officer issued his report in the matter of the petition filed by Western Fruit Growers, Inc., under Section 8c (15) (a) of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937. The date for filing exceptions is set for July 21, 1942.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA GRAPEFRUIT ORDER -- The current regulation limits shipments of Desert Valley-Arizona grapefruit to Grade U. S. No. 2 and better. This continues in effect until July 31. The Desert grapefruit season is rapidly coming to a close, and it is expected that shipments will be almost completed by July 20.

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS AGREEMENT AND ORDER -- Plums: Plum Orders Nos. 13, 14, and 15 (1942); amendment No. 1 to Orders Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 (1942), and amendment No. 2 to Orders Nos. 2, 7, 11, and 12 (1942) were issued July 10, effective July 11, 1942. Orders Nos. 13, 14 and 15 relate to Diamond, Ace and Sugar varieties of plums, respectively, and limit the shipment of these varieties to U. S. No. 1 grade with 15 per cent additional tolerance for minor defects, and 100 percent tolerance for limited hail damage. The regulations limit the shipment of Diamond plums to the 5x5 size and larger sizes. Shipment of 5x5 Ace plums and 5x6 Sugar plums would be permitted in the amounts of 10 per cent and 50 percent, respectively, of the total day's shipment of the variety. Amendment No. 1 to the eleven existing size regulations relaxed the requirements by increasing the permissible variation in the size of the plums in a container. Amendment No. 2 to Orders 2, 5, 11 and 12 increased the percentage of the total shipments of Santa Rosa, Duarte, Wickson, and Tragedy plums, which might be of the minimum size.

1g. COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES (Continued)

Elberta Peaches: The Elberta peach Order No. 1 (1942) issued July 15, effective July 15, 1942, limits shipment of Elberta peaches to U. S. No. 1 and better grades, except that in the case of the 55 and larger sizes, a tolerance of five percent for defects not considered serious damage is permitted. Shipment of ripe Elberta peaches is permitted if not seriously damaged by bruises, and if otherwise meeting the requirements of U. S. No. 1 grade. Elberta peach order prohibits the shipment of Elberta peaches of sizes smaller than the 80 (minimum diameter 2-1/4 inches) size.

Bartlett Pears: The Bartlett pear Order No. 1 (1942) limits shipments to the U. S. Combination Grade, provided that at least six percent of pears meet the requirements of the U. S. No. 1 grade, except that only 50 percent of the pears need to be fairly well formed. A tolerance of five percent for codlin moth injury is permitted, and shipment is permitted of pears not seriously injured by hail, if otherwise meeting the grade requirements. Shipment of pears smaller than the 180 size is prohibited.

Colorado Vegetable MARKETING AGREEMENT PROGRAM -- Movement of Colorado peas is expected to begin in volume immediately. The Committee members are in process of selection, and the program will be ready to function as soon as the administrative machinery is set in motion.

STARCH DIVERSION PROGRAM -- The potato starch diversion program, in operation since October 21, 1941, ceased operations June 30.

VEGETABLE DEHYDRATION -- To date the Inter-Departmental Vegetable Dehydration Committee has received applications from about 100 plants for conversion or expansion of facilities for vegetable dehydration. Priorities for materials to construct the necessary dehydration equipment now are being granted for about 20 plants which have received approval of the Committee.

Representatives of AMA, WPB, and Quartermaster General's office attended a demonstration of the experimental vegetable dehydration plant recently installed by the Baxter Brothers Company at Hartland, Maine. The same group visited the Maine State Packing Company's vegetable dehydration plant under construction at Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

MERCHANDISING CAMPAIGNS -- The "Victory Food Special" on tomatoes in effect June 29-July 4 proved very well timed. During this week supplies increased, and prices in most markets dropped to the lowest levels since last fall. Snap beans and beets were featured for the week July 6-11 in the area north of Virginia and east of Ohio. Peaches will be featured for the period July 16-August 5. Promotion of Victory Food Specials on the part of retailers was noted. More advertising space was devoted to these specials.

FISCAL ACTIONS -- Members of the administrative committee of the Idaho and Oregon potato marketing-agreement program were appointed by the Secretary on July 15.

SURPLUS PURCHASES -- Snap beans were purchased in Connecticut, onions in Texas, Georgia, and Louisiana, beets in Virginia, and carrots.



1g. COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES (Continued)

GENERAL COMMODITIES PURCHASE PROGRAM -- Purchases for Lend-Lease included pie-pack apricots; SO<sub>2</sub> raspberries; processed peaches; canned peas and tomatoes (futures); dried prunes and raisins; sassafras and carraway oils; fresh lemons, oranges, and Irish potatoes; cornstarch and corn sugar; baking powder; sugar and coffee. Purchases for Territorial Emergency Programs included onions.

2g. APPROPRIATION SYMBOLS FOR MARKET PROGRAMS DIVISION

With the beginning of the Fiscal Year 1943 (July 1, 1942) the following symbols should be used with reference to various expenditures for the Market Programs Division:

(Section 32): 1232100(34) Exportation and  
domestic Consumption of  
Agricultural Commodities,  
Department of Agriculture,  
1943 (A.M.A.)  
.010 Admin. Expenses, General

(Lend-Lease): 12-111/30029(34) Defense Aid,  
Administrative Expenses (Allotment to  
Agriculture), 1941-1943 (A.M.A.)

----- S. R. Smith -----

## -FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INSPECTION DIVISION-

1f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

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" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon, Nebraska.

" Oklahoma reports wire Fain Cesar (Western Union) Poteau, Oklahoma.

" South Carolina peach reports wire T. W. Ayres, Federal-State Inspection Service, Spartanburg, S. C.

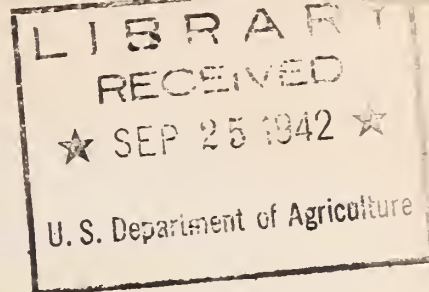
" Tennessee reports wire Earl L. Biddick, Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt, Tennessee.

" Virginia reports wire Robert Bier, Onley, Virginia.

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August 14, 1942

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH LETTER

1a. DO NOT SUBMIT AN OATH OF OFFICE FORM PRIOR TO FORMAL PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

An Oath of Office is not required in connection with employment under "Letter of Authorization" authority. If an employee is given a formal probationary appointment immediately following a period of L. A. employment it then becomes necessary to have an Oath of Office. It must, however, be dated on or after the effective date of the formal probationary appointment and any Oath of Office submitted while the employee was under L. A. employment is of no value.

It is also desired to call attention to the fact that an Oath of Office must be executed before a Notary Public. If executed before a Postmaster or "Field Representative" of the Civil Service Commission or other Agency, it can not be accepted - unless the Postmaster or Field Representative also happens to be a Notary Public in which case his official seal must appear on the form.

2a. FORM 47 - PERSONNEL AFFIDAVIT.

Please see instructions in paragraph immediately above relative to execution of an Oath of Office before a Notary Public. This same requirement is also necessary in connection with the Personnel Affidavit - Standard Form No. 47.

3a. FORM AMS-57 REQUIRED FOR EACH LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION EMPLOYEE

A form AMS-57 is necessary in connection with every employee hired under Letter of Authorization. This form is required by our Time Office before that office will approve leave applications submitted for such employees. It should be recognized that this is important inasmuch as the employee usually proceeds immediately from Letter of Authorization employment to formal probationary employment and, accordingly, it thus becomes possible to give the employee credit for leave earned during his Letter of Authorization employment. The Time Office will not, however, recognize leave earned during Letter of Authorization employment unless it has on file the required form AMS-57.

4a. COPY OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO REIMBURSEMENT VOUCHER.

Copies of Government Transportation Requests should not be submitted to Washington previous to the submission of the voucher claiming reimbursement for expenses in connection with the travel involved. The Accounting Office makes the specific request that the Transportation Request be attached to the voucher and, if submitted previously, causes confusion.



F. & V. Branch Letter, August 14, 1942

5a. ORDER MEMORANDUM OR "SCRATCH" PADS WITHOUT ITEM NUMBER

The Central Supply Section no longer stocks ruled memorandum or "scratch pads of any size. This item is out for the "duration." All future requisition for memorandum pads should show in the column headed "Stock No." the words "War Time." The column headed "Description of Article" should show the words "Pads, Memo, (size)." All Central Supply Stock catalogs should be marked to show the above war-time requirement.

ADDRESS CHANGES

E. A. Albritton (P.A.C.A. Division) advises that his office address has been changed from 10-11 Postal Arcade Building to 7 Postal Arcade Building Winter Haven, Florida. He desires, however, that all mail be addressed to him at P. O. Box 981, Winter Haven, Florida. The office telephone number remains unchanged. Mr. Albritton further advises that his residence address is now 2309 Avenue C, S. W., Winter Haven, Florida. Residence telephone No. 24051.

Wayne W. Chastain, formerly in charge of the New Orleans Market News Office has been transferred to the Market Programs Division in Washington. Edison D. Miller replaces Mr. Chastain at New Orleans.

E. R. Mead, Market News, with former headquarters at Chicago, has been transferred to the Philadelphia Market News Office, replacing J. P. Capus who is now in the Washington office of the Market Programs Division.

W. W. Morrison has been transferred from the Washington office to Seattle, Washington, to take charge of the fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office at that point. This office, located at 228 Federal Office Building, is now inspecting all fresh fruits and vegetables purchased by the Navy in the Seattle area.

C. D. Schoolcraft, of the New York City Market News Office, has been transferred to the Washington Market News Office, replacing H. J. Clay, who has been transferred to the Washington Market Programs Division. At the same time, T. R. Butts has been transferred from Cleveland, Ohio, Market News Office to the New York City Market News Office and R. W. Kohler, of the New York City Market News Office has been transferred to the Cleveland office, replacing Mr. Butts.

D. C. Beeler has been designated as officer in charge of the fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office at Chicago, replacing E. E. Conklin who is now in the Washington office.

The Processed Foods Inspection Division announces the opening of the following offices: Boise, Idaho, 212 Idaho Building, Farrell S. Stone in charge. Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1004 Michigan National Bank Building, James W. Osborne in charge. Modesto, California, 205 H Street, Lewis R. Dunham in charge. Sacramento, California, 2643 Stockton Boulevard, Charles L. Powell in charge. Dyersburg, Tennessee, County Agents Building, John T. Stearns in charge. Newport, Tennessee, - mail address - P. O. Box 428, August F. Teske in charge.

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TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Stations	In Charge	Products	First Bulletin	Probably Will Close
* Benton Harbor, Mich. 205 P. O. Bldg.	R. E. Keller	Apples Grapes Onions Peaches Pears Potatoes	Aug. 4 Sept. 21 Sept. 9 Aug. 4 Aug. 12 Oct. 1	Nov. 6 Oct. 15 Oct. 31 Sept. 18 Oct. 15 Oct. 31
Centralia, Illinois	R. M. Fox	Peaches	Aug. 17	Aug. 31
Freewater, Oregon	R. G. Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 17	Sept. 4
* Fresno, California Holland Bldg.	J. A. Hunter	Cantaloups Grapes	July 20 July 20	Sept. 18 Nov. 13
Rocky Ford, Colo.	R. E. Winfrey	Cantaloups	Aug. 17	Sept. 23

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

Martinsburg, W. Va. Public Square	R. M. Peterson	Apples	Sept. 7	Dec. 5
Payette, Idaho	R. G. Risser	Fresh Prunes	Sept. 7	Sept. 19
* Rochester, N. Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	J. C. Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Aug. 31 " " " " " " Sept. 24 Aug. 31 " " " " Oct. 6	May 19 Feb. 20 May 19 Dec. 15 Oct. 7 April 21 Oct. 27 Sept. 23 May 5
* Waupaca, Wis. Post Office Bldg.	M. W. Hanson	Potatoes	Sept. 1	March 31
* State Cooperating				

R. M. Peterson in Baltimore - W. E. Harrison on leave  
 J. C. Keller in Cincinnati - W. H. Mosier on leave  
 S. W. Russell on leave



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1g. CALIFORNIA LEMON ORDER -- The Administrator has issued regulations limiting shipments of lemons to 400 carloads for the week ending August 8, and 400 carloads for the current week.

On July 7 a notice of appeal was filed with the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit from the decision rendered by the U. S. District Court on April 29, 1942, in the case of U. S. against LaVerne Cooperative Citrus Association, et. al. This case involves seven cooperative associations affiliated with the Mutual Orange Distributors. As reported heretofore, a bill was filed to review the ruling of the Secretary of Agriculture on the petition of the Mutual Orange Distributors et al, filed under Section 8c (15)(A) of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937. This bill was filed on March 27, 1942. These cases constitute the only litigation now pending under the lemon order.

On July 27th the Secretary issued a ruling on the petition filed on behalf of Orange Belt Fruit Distributors, et al, under Section 8c (15)(A) of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, in which the petition was denied.

On July 31st the Secretary issued a ruling on the petition filed on behalf of Robert Berman, doing business as A & B Produce Company, under section 8c (15)(A) of the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, in which the petition was denied.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA GRAPEFRUIT ORDER -- Our field representative reports that at the end of the fiscal year the Grapefruit Administrative Committee has sufficient funds on hand to credit handlers with approximately 51 percent of the total assessments paid and approximately 37 percent of the total funds paid for inspection. The committee's records are now being audited, and it is expected that the distribution will be made within a short time.

FLORIDA CITRUS ORDER -- The new Growers Administrative Committee held its organization meeting on August 12. Mr. Hedlund, who is now in Florida on several citrus matters, attended this meeting. The organization meeting of the Shippers Advisory Committee will not be held until a later date.

HONEY, BEES, AND BEESWAX -- On August 10 the OPA met with beekeepers and honey packers to consider developing formulas for adjusting the March ceiling prices of honey at various levels. This was necessary because many honey packers and wholesalers had passed on their low purchase prices to their consumers and had replacement costs in March that were 50 percent or more above their March ceiling prices. In the meantime, distribution of honey is being regulated by WPB Order M-118 revised, which will make available most of the relatively short 1942 crop of honey to the housewife and to bakers that formerly used honey. New users who agree to continue honey in their formulas after sugar again becomes plentiful may secure special exemption quotas from the WPB. Current prices to beekeepers are 60 to 100 percent above those of a year ago.

Special ceilings for beeswax are also being considered by the OPA, following a meeting in New York on August 1 with beekeepers, dealers, and importers of beeswax and competing vegetable waxes. Beeswax is in increasing demand by the Army and Navy and by many manufacturers of products used in the war effort. Prices are 60 percent above those of a year ago.

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HOPS MARKETING AGREEMENT PROGRAM -- Tentative approval was given by the Secretary on August 5 to the marketing agreement for regulating the handling of hops and hops products in the States of Washington, Oregon, California, and Idaho. At the present time a referendum is being conducted among growers of hops in those areas in order to determine whether or not an order should be issued to accompany the marketing agreement. Votes are to be mailed in before August 15.

VEGETABLE DEHYDRATION -- Priorities are now being granted by the WPB for materials to convert plant facilities for vegetable dehydration work. These materials are being charged against the bank of materials which has been established by the WPB to provide for the necessary expansion of facilities for vegetable dehydration this season. To date, 11 PD-200 applications for material for vegetable dehydration plant expansion have been acted upon by the WPB.

MERCHANDISING CAMPAIGN -- Tomatoes have been designated as a "Victory Food Special" for the period August 24 through September 5. This second listing of tomatoes will stress home canning of tomatoes, and will be confined to the area east of the Mississippi River and north of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers.

FISCAL ACTIONS -- Dockets signed by the Secretary selecting committees are as follows: Colorado Potato Committee on August 13, California-Arizona Grapefruit Committee on August 12, an alternate member of the Colorado Peach Committee on August 12, and the Walnut Control Board on July 31.

The docket approving special pack specifications on walnuts was signed by the Acting Secretary on July 31.

GEORGIA PEACH AGREEMENT PROGRAM -- Operating under a marketing agreement and order program for the first time, the Georgia peach industry has just completed a highly successful season. Grade, size, and maturity regulations restricted out-of-State shipment of inferior grade, small size, and immature peaches. Prices to growers were maintained at profitable levels throughout the season. Such prices not only reflected this season's higher purchasing power, but also definitely reflected the improvement made by the program in the maturity, grade, and size composition of peach shipments from Georgia. In this connection, among other reasons, growers and shippers withheld from market well over 500 carloads of inedible peaches with serious worm damage. Moreover, the necessity for a purchase program was obviated.

Relatively few exemption certificates, representing only a small quantity of peaches, were issued to growers.

Assessment collections are reported at almost 100 percent, resulting in a substantial surplus.

Detailed statistical information, including the grade and size composition of shipments from Georgia districts by weeks, is now available to the industry for the first time from the records of the Industry Committee.

Violations of the program were held to a minimum. Prompt enforcement action was taken by filing 24 criminal informations.



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GENERAL COMMODITIES PURCHASE PROGRAM -- Under the Territorial Emergency Program the following were purchased from June 19 to July 20: tomato juice, fresh onions, dried prunes, raisins, and salt. For Lend-Lease the following have been purchased during the last two weeks: apricot pulp, raspberry pulp, canned tomatoes, canned orange juice (for Red Cross), canned grapefruit juice (Red Cross), concentrated orange juice, Irish potatoes, pectinol enzyme, gold syrup, peppermint oil, chocolate, instantaneous hot cocoa, pepper, mustard, and custard powder.

Plans are being made to procure fruit syrup for Lend-Lease.

SURPLUS PURCHASES -- Onions have been purchased in California, Washington, and Oklahoma; beets, snap beans, carrots, corn, and tomatoes in farmers' markets of Connecticut and the Bustleton Market in the Bucks-Philadelphia district of Pennsylvania; tomatoes and corn only were purchased in the farmers' markets of New Jersey.

DRIED FRUIT PURCHASE PROGRAM -- The issuance of WPB Orders M-205 and M-205a will require certain changes in our purchase procedure for dried fruits. Under the terms of Order M-205 one hundred percent of the supply of dried fruit - apples, apricots, peaches, pears, prunes, and grapes - will be reserved for Governmental allocation among Government agencies and commercial outlets. The purpose of this order is to assure adequate supplies for the armed forces and for Lend-Lease shipment. Order M-205a is designed to increase the total supply of raisins by prohibiting the use of raisin-variety grapes for fresh shipment and for wine. This order is necessary since requirements for raisins are considerably in excess of the supply.

NOTE: All expense accounts, leave slips, et cetera, which were formerly sent to Miss Bray or Miss Moller should now be sent to Mr. William C. Hasbrouck, since Miss Bray and Miss Moller are no longer with the Administration.

S. R. Smith

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1f. FIRST SHEET DAILY CARLOT LIST DISCONTINUED

Starting September 1 the first sheet of the shipping point inspection carlot list mailed daily from Washington, D. C. will be eliminated except when there is a change in the meaning of any of the symbols.

All offices requiring more than one symbol sheet should immediately request the number desired.

2f. ENCLOSURES

There accompanies this Branch Letter, for each inspector of fresh fruits and vegetables, the following (1) Handbook of Pennsylvania Standards for Grading and Marketing Fruits and Vegetables; (2) Oregon Standards for Potatoes, 1942; (3) Check List of U. S. Standards Issued by The Fruit and Vegetable Branch (Other Than for Canned Products) dated August 1, 1942.

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JUNE 1942  
(L.C.L.'s reduced to carlot equivalents)

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Alabama	1687	Missouri	24
Arizona	2649	New Jersey	1
Arkansas	175	New Mexico	3
California	9264	New York	1
Colorado	124	North Carolina	5700
Delaware	11	North Dakota	1
Florida	5448	Ohio	197
Georgia	2789	Oklahoma	312
Idaho	281	Oregon	205
Illinois	70	Pennsylvania	32
Indiana	93	South Carolina	1412
Kansas	11	Tennessee	575
Kentucky	13	Texas	5774
Louisiana	1306	Utah	1*
Maine	213	Virginia	2766
Maryland	3	Washington	789
Michigan	31	West Virginia	3
Minnesota	5	Wisconsin	7
Mississippi	1921	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43,897</b>

\* There were 169 trucklots aggregating 2,161,300 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

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<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month Last Year</u>
Albany	35	18	Milwaukee	42	29
Atlanta	36	73	Minneapolis	42	36
Baltimore	55	56	Newark	40	42
Boston	222	307	New Haven	20	15
Buffalo	156	112	New Orleans	57	45
Chicago	206	211	New York City	705	910
Cincinnati	36	24	Norfolk	64	8
Cleveland	172	111	Oklahoma City	12	12
Columbia	1	0	Philadelphia	134	229
Columbus	44	33	Pittsburgh	174	221
Denver	47	28	Portland	75	23
Detroit	279	296	Raleigh	1	0
Fargo	1	0	Rochester	25	38
Fort Worth	14	6	St. Louis	51	37
Harrisburg	12	5	Salt Lake City	8	5
Hartford	47	34	San Francisco	9	0
Houston	8	7	Seattle	78	31
Indianapolis	12	7	Shreveport	28	0
Jacksonville	24	34	Tampa	34	0
Kansas City	57	30	Trenton	2	9
Los Angeles	70	3	Washington, D. C.	20	17
Memphis	15	1	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3202</b>	<b>3103</b>
Miami	32	0	Total fees assessed for Total last Yr. June 1942, \$12,678.01 \$11,021.38		

1458 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receiver's Assn.,  
New York City.



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3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

- For Alabama reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Masonic Hall, Foley, Alabama
- " Arkansas reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren, Arkansas
- " Georgia reports wire H. M. Riley, Grand Building, Room 704, Macon, Georgia
- " Illinois peach reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Centralia, Illinois
- " Indiana onion reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana
- " Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon, Nebraska.
- " Texas potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Plainview, Texas.
- " Virginia sweetpotato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Onley, Virginia.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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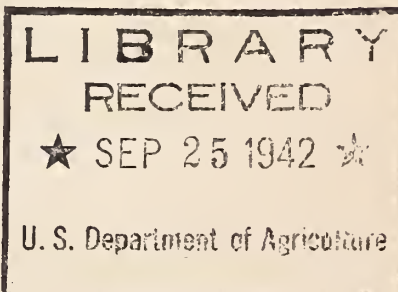
1a. ATTENTION MARKET NEWS MEN AND INSPECTORS

Report on Motor Truck and Tire Situation

Current information is needed on the motor truck and tire situation, in the fruit and vegetable marketing field. So that we may be in position to report to the Office of Defense Transportation on the situation by districts, fresh fruit and vegetable representatives in field and market stations are instructed to mail reports on their local situations to this office so that they will reach Washington by September 21. The reports should be made by men in charge of the Market News Offices in cities or field stations where both market news and inspection services are being operated. In other cities or stations, inspectors or other field representatives who are in a position to obtain this type of information should report. A few interviews with key men in the industry, market masters, truckers and growers will, in most instances, furnish sufficient basis for the situation report. Information in replies should be numbered and lettered to correspond with the following outline:

I. Reports from City Markets

- A. Farmers trucks
- B. Commercial trucks hauling from producing areas
- C. Intra city wholesalers and commercial trucks
- D. City retailers trucks
- E. Trucks hauling to surrounding trade area



Points to be covered when applicable, under each of the items A to E are:

- (1) Has there been a noticeable decrease in number of trucks in operation since this time last year? If so, approximately how much of a decrease?
- (2) Steps which have been taken to obtain more efficient use of trucks, such as pooling loads, rearranging routes, using rail instead of truck transportation, etc.
- (3) Is the situation expected to become critical because of tire and truck shortages, and if so, when?

II. Reports from Field Stations (Define area covered)

- A. Trucks hauling from farms to packing and processing plants and loading stations. (Discuss points indicated under (1), (2) and (3) in the preceding paragraph and include under (2), steps being taken to eliminate cross-hauling. Are farmers generally using the nearest packing or processing plant?)
- B. Trucks hauling to consuming markets.
  - 1. How much, if any, shift from truck to rail has occurred as compared with last season? Show percentage decrease in number of trucks operating. If a larger proportion is moving by rail, specify to what marketing areas.



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II. Reports from Field Stations (Define area covered) Continued

2. Steps which have been taken to obtain more efficient use of trucks.
3. Is the situation expected to become critical because of tire and truck shortages and if so, when?

Other available information having a bearing on the truck situation should be reported.

W. G. Meal

2a. REGULAR HOURS OF DUTY ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1942

Regular hours of duty will be required of employees of the Department of Agriculture both at Washington, D. C., and in the field service on Labor Day, September 7, 1942, in view of the war.

The Director of Personnel will provide for the application of this order.

Be sure and read item 3a on page 117.

Claude R. Wickard

ADDRESS CHANGES

The fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office at Shreveport, Louisiana, is now located at the Municipal Farmers Market, 2135 Greenwood Road. Mr. S. C. Lowthorp, Jr. advises that his residence address is now 496 Ockley, Shreveport, Louisiana.

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1f. TELEGRAPHIC CAR REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON STATE:

F. E. Bailey has pointed out that market inspectors who wire Washington State for shipping point inspection reports can obtain a much quicker reply if, when they wire Yakima, Washington, they state not only the car number and product, but also the shipping point, name of the shipper and/or the brand.

E. E. Conklin

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

- For Arkansas reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren, Arkansas
- For Georgia reports wire H. M. Riley, Grand Building, Room 704, Macon, Georgia
- For Indiana onion reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana
- For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon, Nebraska
- For Texas potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Plainview, Texas
- For Virginia sweetpotato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Onley, Virginia; peaches and apples, Federal-State Inspection Service, Winchester, Virginia.
- For West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

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1 g. CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ORANGE ORDER -- No regulations have been recommended under the present order, but the administrative agency continues to operate as usual. A new marketing agreement was tentatively approved by the Secretary on August 14, 1942. On the same date the Secretary ordered a referendum of Orange producers to determine whether such producers favored or opposed the issuance of an order regulating the handling of such oranges in the same manner as the marketing agreement. It is expected that the referendum will terminate on or about September 2, 1942. Messrs. Howard W. Thompson and M. T. Coogan were appointed agents of the Secretary to conduct the referendum.

The brief for the United States, in the case of the appeal in U. S. vs Frank Belmont, has now been filed, and we are awaiting a decision from the United States Circuit Court of Appeals

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA LEMON ORDER-- The Administrator has issued regulations limiting shipments of lemons to 300 carloads for the week ending August 22, and 275 carloads for the current week.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA GRAPEFRUIT ORDER--The books and records of the committee have been audited by a certified public accountant, and the report of the audit has been submitted. A fund of \$6,800 remains unexpended which will be available for distribution among handlers. A fund of approximately \$6,300 remains in the inspection fund. Under this program inspection is performed by the Federal-State Inspection Service on a cost basis. The excess funds in the inspection account will be refunded to handlers whereas the excess funds accruing under the agreement and order will be credited against operations during the coming year.

FLORIDA CITRUS ORDER -- The Growers Administrative Committee was organized on August 12, 1942, and is now in position to operate during the coming year. Mr. Harry Askew was selected as Chairman, Mr. C. H. Walker, as Vice-Chairman, and Mr. A. V. Saurman, as Secretary of the Committee. The Chairman announced that the Sub-committee would be appointed soon. The audit of the books and records of the committee for the year ended July 31, 1942, has been completed, and excess funds are available for distribution to handlers. The committee expects to hold its next meeting some time in September, at which time budget and marketing policies will probably be considered.

FRESH PRUNE AGREEMENT FOR OREGON AND WASHINGTON -- On August 17 the fresh prune control committee recommended a volume regulation limiting shipments to 1,100 tons a day from August 22 through September 2 and 875 tons a day from September 3 through September 11. This recommendation was approved, effective August 26. At the same meeting the committee recommended a grade regulation establishing a minimum grade of U. S. No. 1 for interstate commerce and a minimum grade of U. S. No. 2 for foreign commerce. Because the authority contained in the marketing agreement and order for issuing separate grade



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regulations for interstate and foreign commerce is not specific, and, in view of the scarcity of fresh fruits in the markets, the committee was informed that approval would be granted only for a regulation establishing a minimum grade of U. S. No. 2 for interstate and foreign commerce. The committee agreed to the U.S. No. 2 minimum grade.

**COLORADO PEACH AGREEMENT** -- The Mesa County Colorado peach administrative committee on August 5 recommended grade and size regulations limiting shipments of peaches to those meeting the requirements of the U. S. No. 1 grade and of a two-inch minimum diameter. On August 21, the Committee was advised that, in view of present and prospective prices, approval of its recommendation could not be granted. The committee was informed that approval would be granted to a regulation limiting shipments to a minimum U. S. No. 2 grade with no size limitation. Indications are that the committee will submit no further recommendation.

**DECIDUOUS TREE FRUIT AGREEMENT** -- Prices being received for California plums and Elberta peaches are such that it is expected that the season average prices for these commodities will exceed the respective parity prices. Since the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended, authorized no action which has for its purpose the maintenance of prices to farmers above the purchasing power parity price, all existing plum and Elberta peach regulation orders were terminated August 19th, effective August 20th.

A recommendation of the Bartlett pear commodity committee was made effective August 21 to amend Bartlett Pear Order No. 1 by terminating the size regulations, leaving in effect only the grade, regulations. Prices of Bartlett pears at that time were above parity, hence the amendment. It is not possible, however, to say as yet that the season average price will exceed parity, since at the time of the amendment no more than one-third of the crop had been moved, and the season is not yet completed.

**COLORADO PEA AND CAULIFLOWER AGREEMENT PROGRAM** -- On August 15, the Administrator issued a regulation which permits no handler to handle any fresh cauliflower of a grade lower than U. S. No. 1, or of a size that will pack more than 12 or less than 11 heads in a crate having inside dimensions of  $8\frac{1}{2}$ " X 18" X  $25\frac{1}{4}$ ", beginning August 17 through October 14.

**VEGETABLE DEHYDRATION** -- Plans have been completed for the vegetable dehydration schools to be conducted by the Bureau of Agricultural Chemistry and Engineering. The first school will be conducted at the Western Regional Research Laboratory at Albany, California, during the period September 21 through October 3. The second school will be held at Rochester, New York, October 19 through the 31st. More than 100 representatives of existing vegetable dehydrators and food processors,

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who have immediate prospects of entering the vegetable dehydration field, have accepted invitations to attend the two schools. Invitations have necessarily been limited, due to the facilities which are available for the use of these schools. Applications are still being received by the Dehydration Committee for the conversion of food processing facilities for vegetable dehydration. About 185 applications have been received to date and 50 of these have been approved by the Committee. The necessary priority forms are being cleared promptly for the project, which has been approved by the Committee. The facilities of some of these plants are now being converted for vegetable dehydration work and will be in operation within the next few months.

**MERCHANDISING CAMPAIGNS** -- A "Victory Food Special" for cabbage is now under consideration for scheduling sometime during late September. Shortage of tin is expected to reduce the amount of cabbage for sauerkraut, and a difficult marketing situation for fresh cabbage is anticipated.

A "Victory Food Special" has been announced for fresh apples for the period September 17 through September 26, in order to focus consumer attention on the abundance of apples in season.

**FISCAL ACTIONS** -- Members and alternates for the California-Arizona Grapefruit Administrative Committee were appointed on August 12. The committee administering the Colorado Potato Marketing Agreement and the Colorado pea and cauliflower agreement were appointed on August 13. On August 18 the budget and rate of assessment were approved for the Colorado potato agreement.

**WINTER PEAR AGREEMENT PROGRAM** -- Pursuant to the winter pear agreement for the three Pacific Coast States, grade and size regulations were issued on August 25 to be effective on and after August 28 for the 1942-43 marketing season. The limitations prohibit the shipment of the six major varieties of winter pears not meeting the requirements of U. S. No. 2 grade; however, Anjou pears with skin punctures not exceeding 3/16 of an inch in diameter or depth may be shipped in interstate commerce only and not in foreign commerce if such pears otherwise meet the requirements of U. S. Combination Grade. The minimum sizes permitted to be shipped are as follows: Comice, Easter, and Clairgeau pears 180; winter Nelis 210; Bosc and Anjou 195.

**GEORGIA PEACH AGREEMENT** -- It is anticipated that an audit of the books and records of the industry committee will be made in the near future by a representative of the Investigation Division.

**SURPLUS PURCHASES** -- Purchases were made of beets, carrots, corn, tomatoes, and snap beans in Pennsylvania; beets and tomatoes in Connecticut; tomatoes in New Jersey.



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GENERAL COMMODITIES PURCHASE PROGRAM -- Under the Territorial Emergency Program the following was purchased: Canned peas. For Lend-Lease, canned peas, fresh Irish potatoes, canned tomatoes; grapefruit, cold pressed lemon, nutmeg, orange, and tangerine oils; ascorbic acid; jams and marmalades; salt for United Kingdom, and sugar for United Kingdom; and concentrated orange juice.

HOPS MARKETING AGREEMENT PROGRAM -- On August 28 the Secretary gave approval of the agreement and accompanying order was issued.

S. R. Smith

Enclosures

There accompanies this Branch Letter, for each Inspector, the following: (1) U. S. Standards for Shelled Runner Peanuts; (2) Oregon Standards for Spanish Type Onions 1942; (3) Apples Standards; (4) U. S. Standards for Beets with Short-Trimmed Tops (1942); (5) U. S. Standards for Fresh Peas (1942).

ADVANCE OF FUNDS NO LONGER AVAILABLE WITHOUT A BOND OF INDEMNITY

3a. An Order of the Secretary of the Treasury, based on the Comptroller General's Decision B-25559, effective August 28, 1942, makes it necessary for each employee desiring an advance of funds for official travel, to secure the same under a surety bond which must be obtained at the traveler's expense (approximately \$5.00). Thus, an employee - regardless of length of service - or how much may be accumulated to his credit in the retirement fund - can no longer be granted an advance of funds through this source. If an employee now holds an advance of funds it may be retained until liquidated in the usual manner. This Order is, however, to be effective in all future requests for such funds.

It is likely that some of our employees now have requests in the Washington office for an advance of funds to be secured through the retirement fund system. Unless these were approved in the Treasury Department prior to August 27, it will be necessary to return them - unapproved - to the employees concerned.

Forms for application of a bond (Standard Form No. 19) may be secured upon request to the office of Wm. C. Hasbrouck. Upon contacting a bonding company it should be ascertained if it is one approved by the U. S. Treasury Department to execute this type of bond. Instructions appearing on the reverse side of the bond form should be studied carefully. Particular attention is called to instruction No. 2 with reference to "all erasures," etc. The witnesses, as well as the applicant, must give residence addresses. The applicant's residence address, including street number, must appear immediately beneath his signature. (Hotels and business addresses are not acceptable to the Treasury Department. If a hotel happens to be the place of residence, the street address must be shown.)

Bonds must be in the amount of \$1000. Any deviation from the instructions will only cause delay in securing an advance of funds inasmuch as the Treasury Department is very strict in its requirements.

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Freewater, Oregon	R. G. Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 17	Sept. 12
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* Waupaca, Wis. Post Office Bldg.	M. W. Hanson	Potatoes	Sept. 1	March 31

THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

Centralia, Ill. (Handled from Anna, Ill.)	R. M. Fox	Peaches	Aug. 17	Aug. 31
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S. W. Russell on leave

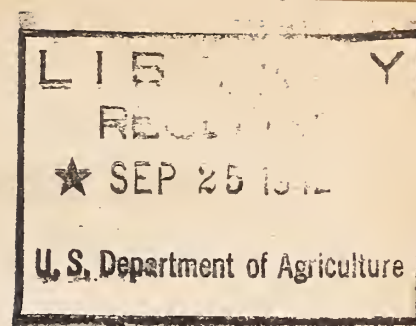
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WASHINGTON, D. C.



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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH LETTER

1a. CORRECTION - REGARDING FORM FOR APPLICATION OF A BOND

On Page 117 of the Branch Letter dated August 28, 1942, (item 3a) appeared an article under the heading, "Advance of Funds No Longer Available Without a Bond of Indemnity." The third paragraph of the article was in part as follows: "Forms for application of a bond (Standard Form No. 19) may be secured upon request to the office of Wm. C. Hasbrouck."

Standard Form No. 19 is not an "application" for a bond but is the bond form itself. This form may be obtained upon request to the office of Mr. Hasbrouck, or to save time, at the office of the bonding company through which the bond is obtained. This form is now undergoing revision and some delay may be occasioned until receipt of the new supply. Standard Form No. 19, now in use, is not acceptable to the Treasury.

The Washington office does stock an application form for an advance of funds (Standard Form No. 1038) but it does not stock any application form for a bond. This should be obtained at the office of the bonding company.

2a. ADDRESS CHANGE

Mr. C. S. Lowthorp, Jr., formerly at Shreveport, Louisiana, is now located in the Chicago Inspection Office.

-FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION-

1f. CHANGES IN U.S. STANDARDS FOR SHELLED RUNNER PEANUTS:

Copies of U. S. Standards for Shelled Runner Peanuts, effective September 21, 1942, were enclosed with the last Branch Letter sent to all inspectors. The following changes were made: peanuts

Tolerance for unshelled and damaged was changed from  $1\frac{1}{4}$  to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  percent and the definition relating to damage by rancidity and decay was changed so as to permit cutting of peanuts to determine concealed damage. It is believed that this change will result in greater uniformity in the inspection of runner peanuts and will permit lots to pass for U. S. No. 1 grade which are not inferior to those passed for U. S. No. 1 under the old grades.



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TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JULY 1942

(L.C.L.'s reduced to carlot equivalents)

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Alabama	47	Mississippi	332
Arizona	989	Montana	10
Arkansas	480	New Mexico	55
California	5013	Nebraska	447
Colorado	1320	New York	133
Delaware	121	New Jersey	272
Florida	574	Ohio	147
Georgia	7057	Oklahoma	90
Idaho	605	Oregon	360
Illinois	100	Pennsylvania	25
Indiana	32	South Carolina	3163
Iowa	229	Tennessee	909
Kansas	465	Texas	566
Kentucky	202	Utah	46*
Louisiana	155	Virginia	2799
Maine	2	Washington	1343
Maryland	618	West Virginia	66
Michigan	306		
Minnesota	29	TOTAL	29,107

\* There were 150 trucklots aggregating 1,655,408 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received: Missouri and North Carolina.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JULY 1942					
Total			Total		
Same Month			Same Month		
Markets	Inspections	Last Year	Markets	Inspections	Last Year
Albany	15	17	Minneapolis	28	26
Atlanta	26	74	Newark	39	57
Baltimore	25	25	New Haven	18	24
Boston	216	292	New Orleans	91	51
Buffalo	103	134	New York	1407	509
Chicago	176	234	Norfolk	42	6
Cincinnati	43	35	Oklahoma City	11	2
Cleveland	116	171	Philadelphia	113	271
Columbia	1	-	Phoenix *	1	0
Columbus	26	51	Pittsburgh	148	284
Denver	30*	30	Portland	58	9
Detroit	253	293	Raleigh	0	1
Fort Worth	11	9	Rochester	17	31
Harrisburg	4	6	Sacramento	0	1
Hartford	25	42	St. Louis	28	31
Houston	11	18	Salt Lake City	7	4
Indianapolis	32	15	San Francisco	9	0
Jacksonville	39	27	Seattle	63	77
Kansas City	48	19	Shreveport	29	-
Los Angeles	39	4	Tampa	25	0
Memphis	15	2	Trenton	0	6
Miami	28	0	Washington, D. C.	15	14
Milwaukee	33	49	Total	3464	2972

1407 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receiver's Assn., New York City.  
 \* Compiled from certificates in file.

Total fees assessed for July, 1942 \$10,629.24  
 Total last year \$10,557.96

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

- For Arkansas reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren,  
Arkansas
- For Indiana onion reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Warsaw, Indiana
- For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Scottsbluff, Nebraska
- For Texas potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Plainview, Texas
- For Virginia sweetpotato reports wire Federal-State Inspection  
Service, Onley, Virginia; peaches and apples,  
Federal-State Inspection Service, Winchester,  
Virginia.
- For West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Martinsburg, West Virginia.

## -MARKET PROGRAMS DIVISION-

1g. CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ORANGE ORDER -- On August 14th the Secretary ordered a referendum conducted among producers of oranges grown in the States of California and Arizona to determine whether producers approved or favored the issuance of an order regulating the handling of oranges grown in the States of California or Arizona. The referendum was held during the period August 27 to September 2. The ballots are now being tabulated, and as soon as the results of the referendum are available further consideration will be given the order.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA LEMON ORDER -- The Administrator has issued regulations limiting shipments of lemons to 300 carloads for the week ending September 5, and 275 carloads for the current week.

FLORIDA CITRUS ORDER -- On September 2d the Solicitor recommended that the case of United States of America vs. Curtin C. Vaughn be dismissed.

The Chairman of the Growers Administrative Committee has appointed three separate sub-committees.

DECIDUOUS TREE FRUIT AGREEMENT -- The Bartlett Pear Regulation order, as amended, was terminated on September 9, effective September 10th. This action was taken in view of the fact that the season average price for Bartlett pears is expected to exceed parity price. Elberta peach and plum regulations were terminated several weeks ago, and this termination leaves no regulations under this program in effect. The Bartlett Pear Commodity Committee was informed that the termination action does not waive or affect the Secretary's determinations of June 26, relative to assessments, and it is desirable for the Committee to continue and complete present work of data collection and maturity investigation.

CALIFORNIA TOKAY GRAPE AGREEMENT -- Grade and Size Regulation for California Tokay grapes was made effective for the period beginning September 5 and ending October 31. The regulation was recommended by the Industry Committee and prohibits the shipment of any Tokay grapes which do not meet the requirements of the U. S. No. 1 grade for table grapes. For the Florin District only, additional tolerances were allowed of 15 percent by weight for minor defects and bunches smaller than the minimum weight specified in the grade, and 10 percent by weight for bunches of grapes not fairly well colored.



MARKETING AGREEMENT AND ORDER FOR CALIFORNIA WALNUTS -- A hearing is being held today in San Francisco on amendments to this program(1) to change the salable and surplus percentages and (2) to change the pack specifications of walnuts. Mr. J. W. Park is attending the hearing.

MERCHANDISING CAMPAIGNS -- Cabbage has been designated a "Victory Food Special" for the period September 28 through October 10 in the area north of Florida and Tennessee and east of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.

SURPLUS PURCHASES -- Purchases were made of apples in Washington, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey; beets, carrots, tomatoes, and corn in Pennsylvania; tomatoes and celery in Connecticut; and potatoes in New York (Long Island).

GEORGIA PEACH ORDER -- On September 7 two truckers, after entering pleas of guilty, were assessed fines in the Federal District Court at Columbus, Georgia, for shipping uninspected peaches during this past marketing season. One trucker was fined \$75 and the other \$50. One of the truckers spent three days in jail before he could raise \$75 for a \$500 bond.

GENERAL COMMODITIES PURCHASE PROGRAM -- Under the Territorial Emergency Program fresh onions and potatoes were purchased. For Lend-Lease the following were purchased: Rehydrated onions, potatoes, and carrots; canned peas, tomatoes, potatoes, tomato paste, and tomato sauce; pickle products; grapefruit oil; concentrated orange juice; canned orange juice; table salt, black pepper, corn syrup, coffee, vinegar, and garlic.

FISCAL ACTIONS -- North Central Potato Committee was selected August 27; approval given by Secretary to the amount of expenses and fixing the rate of assessment under the Winter Pear program on September 2; the 9th member and alternate member of the Walnut Control Board were selected on September 7th; and the order approving the amount of expenses and fixing the rate of assessment for fresh prunes was signed September 7, under the Northwest Prune Program.

S. R. Smith

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TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Benton Harbor, Michigan 205 P. O. Bldg.	R. E. Keller	Apples Grapes Onions Peaches Pears Potatoes	Aug. 4 Sept. 21 Sept. 9 Aug. 4 Aug. 12 Oct. 1	Nov. 6 Oct. 15 Oct. 31 Sept. 18 Oct. 15 Oct. 31
*Fresno, California Holland Building	J. A. Hunter	Cantaloups Grapes	July 20 July 20	Sept. 18 Nov. 13
Martinsburg, W. Va. Public Square	R. M. Peterson	Apples	Sept. 14	Dec. 5
Payette, Idaho	R. G. Risser	Fresh Prunes	Sept. 14	Sept. 25
Presque Isle, Maine	S. W. Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 14	April 30
* Rochester, New York 300 Terminal Building	J. C. Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Aug. 31 " " " " " " Sept. 24 Aug. 31 " " " " Oct. 6	May 19 Feb. 20 May 19 Dec. 15 Oct. 7 April 21 Oct. 27 Sept. 23 May 5
*Waupaca, Wisconsin Post Office Bldg.	M. W. Hanson	Potatoes	Sept. 3	March 31

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Idaho Falls, Idaho	R. G. Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 30	April 30
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Freewater, Oregon	R. G. Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 17	Sept. 19
Rocky Ford, Colorado	R. E. Winfrey	Cantaloups	Aug. 18	Sept. 12

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- This confirms wire sent September 24

- Comparative figures show that oranges made the greatest advance, 7,053 cars over last season. Grapefruit increased 2,222 cars, potatoes were up 1,746 cars and tomatoes 1,456 cars. Celery, peaches, and watermelons were the only important commodities showing lower passing totals. These losses, however, were slight, ranging from 149 cars less for celery to 58 cars for watermelons. Peaches were 87 cars below last season's total.



SUMMARY OF POTOMAC YARD PASSINGS WITH  
FIVE YEAR AVERAGES OF CERTAIN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

	<u>1937-38</u>	<u>1938-39</u>	<u>1939-40</u>	<u>1940-41</u>	<u>1941-42</u>	<u>5-Yr.Tot.</u>	<u>5-Yr.Av.</u>
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
September	552	747	208	87	61	1655	331
October	3232	2286	2534	1378	782	10212	2042
November	3939	4628	4837	4158	3716	21278	4256
December	4902	5586	4953	5107	5740	26288	5258
January	5612	6630	6036	6053	7716	32047	6409
February	6292	6666	4952	4654	7245	29809	5962
March	8920	7210	5055	5380	10206	36771	7354
April	10731	8180	6231	5826	9196	40164	8033
May	10709	10127	9073	9307	14123	53339	10668
June	8650	8868	9357	10902	12199	49976	9995
July	7254	7214	7375	7656	7015	36514	7303
August	602	1624	2247	2587	2458	9518	1903
Total	71395	69766	62858	63095	80457	347571	69514
Apples	1987	1090	542	249	458	4326	865
Beans	4136	3109	1931	1930	2474	13580	2716
Cabbage	4714	2831	4628	3746	4114	20033	4007
Celery	4266	4171	3944	4370	4221	20972	4194
Cucumbers	1547	1079	1027	1174	1319	6146	1229
Grapefruit	5250	7242	4989	7016	2938	33735	6747
Mixed Citrus	2780	4344	3159	2048	2651	14982	2997
Mixed Vegetables	1695	1376	921	497	496	4985	997
Oranges	12849	15898	13422	16367	23440	81976	16395
Peaches	6619	5527	5241	6438	6351	30176	6035
Potatoes	5758	6449	7911	6598	8344	35060	7012
Sweetpotatoes	469	986	554	457	636	3102	620
Tangerines	1004	1570	1178	1394	1525	6671	1334
Tomatoes	7283	5356	4161	2789	4245	23834	4767
Watermelons	6998	5678	6504	5751	5693	30624	6125
Other F & V	4040	3060	2746	2271	5252	17369	3474
Total	71395	69766	62858	63095	80457	347571	69514

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MONTHLY SUMMARY OF POTOSIAC YARD PASSINGS OF CERTAIN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES  
1941-42 Season

Commodities	Sept. Cars	Oct. Cars	Nov. Cars	Dec. Cars	Jan. Cars	Feb. Cars	Mar. Cars	April Cars	May Cars	June Cars	July Cars	Aug. Cars	Totals Cars
Apples	44	26	20	113	75	42	58	57	16	1	5	1	458
Beans	-	14	265	597	443	138	87	221	543	158	8	-	2474
Cabbage	-	-	54	218	460	575	861	961	824	157	4	-	4114
Celery	-	-	-	8	440	554	1162	1055	838	164	-	-	4221
Cucumbers	1	83	39	13	1	2	3	64	535	550	28	-	1319
Grapefruit	-	588	813	789	1040	1323	1906	1331	1097	319	29	3	9238
Mixed Citrus	-	11	109	564	695	482	349	258	156	22	4	1	2651
Mixed Vegetables	2	3	18	129	80	102	63	51	43	3	2	-	496
Oranges	1	21	1911	1911	2943	2676	3910	3505	3845	2349	358	10	23440
Peaches	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	634	3585	2087	6351
Potatoes	-	1	-	32	113	153	379	485	3251	3842	81	9	8346
Sweet Potatoes	3	17	77	120	133	95	105	34	35	1	15	1	636
Tangerines	-	-	75	578	542	255	75	-	-	-	-	-	1525
Tomatoes	-	3	194	252	292	437	607	428	1582	427	23	-	4245
Watermelons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2825	2674	191	5693
Other F & V	4	15	141	416	459	411	641	746	1316	747	199	155	5250
Totals 1941-42	61	782	3716	5740	7716	7245	10206	9196	14123	12199	7015	2458	80457
Totals 1940-41	87	1378	4158	5107	6053	4654	5380	5826	9307	10902	7656	2587	63095



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*Lakeland, Florida	H. F. Willson	Citrus Fruits	Oct. 12	June 25
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R. M. Fox in Chicago

## -MARKET PROGRAMS DIVISION-

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ORANGE ORDER -- The referendum on the question of issuing an order to supplement a marketing agreement as tentatively approved by the Secretary ended September 2nd. The ballots have been tabulated, and a recommendation submitted to the Secretary concerning further action.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA LEMON ORDER -- The Administrator has issued regulations limiting shipments of lemons to 325 carloads for the week ending September 19, and 300 carloads for the current week.

On September 14th the Secretary issued a ruling on the (15)A petition of Abraham Paul denying the petitioner's request that the lemon order be terminated and that he be excepted from its terms.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA GRAPEFRUIT ORDER - The Grapefruit Administrative Committee held its organizational meeting at Los Angeles September 22nd. Action was taken by the Committee to change the location of the Committee headquarters from El Centro, California, to Phoenix, Arizona, but the Committee meetings will be held at Los Angeles.

The Committee adopted a marketing policy for the 1942-43 season which provides for limiting shipments of grapefruit to U. S. No. 2 or better throughout the season. The Committee recommended that the Secretary approve a regulation for the month of October, which provides for limiting shipments to U. S. No. 2, or better. In addition, the Committee recommended that shipments be limited to sizes 80 and larger in Continental United States, and to sizes 100 and larger in Canada.

FLORIDA CITRUS ORDER -- The organizational meeting of the Shippers Advisory Committee is scheduled to be held in Lakeland, Florida, on September 24th. It is not expected that the Committee will recommend grade and size regulations before the middle of October.

TOKAY GRAPE AGREEMENT PROGRAM -- On recommendation of the Tokay Grape Industry Committee, the existing grade and size regulation was amended on September 16, effective September 17, by providing that any Tokay grapes not seriously damaged by stem mildew may be shipped from the Florin district if they otherwise meet the requirements provided in the grade and size order. Prior to the amendment, the grade and size order fixed U. S. No. 1 as the minimum grade for the Lodi and the Florin districts, except that in case of the Florin district certain additional tolerances were allowed for minor defects, small bunches, and lack of color.

MERCHANDISING CAMPAIGNS -- Tree nuts will be a Victory Food Special November 9 through November 21. This includes especially English walnuts, pecans, almonds, and filberts.

SURPLUS PURCHASES -- Purchases were made of apples in fifteen States; beets, carrots, corn, and tomatoes in Pennsylvania; and cabbage in North Carolina.



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CABBAGE DIVERSION PROGRAM AND BULK SAUERKRAUT PURCHASE PROGRAM -- On September 19, the Secretary approved the Cabbage Diversion Program under which the AMA will pay sauerkraut packers \$1.00 for each 45-gallon barrel of sauerkraut sold through commercial channels, provided packers have paid growers a minimum of \$7.50 a ton for cabbage processed. This payment is intended to offset some of the increased costs to packers in paying growers the minimum price, and merchandising sauerkraut in bulk form. The AMA also will offer to purchase all unsold sauerkraut in the hands of participating packers on March 1, 1943, at 14 cents a gallon, f.o.b. cars. The objectives of these two programs are to encourage the full utilization of this year's cabbage crop and assure fair prices to growers.

VEGETABLE DEHYDRATION -- The first vegetable dehydration training school for personnel of commercial dehydration establishments that have been approved by the Dehydration Committee opened this week at the Western Regional Laboratory at Albany, California, with over 95 representatives in attendance. The school is being conducted to assure production of the highest quality of dehydrated vegetables for the military forces of the United States and the United Nations. The second school will get under way at Rochester, New York, on October 19 with over 100 attending.

Over 225 applications have been received to date from concerns for participation in the vegetable dehydration expansion program and 60 have been approved by the Dehydration Committee. 47 have had their priorities processed and approved by the WPB, and should be in full operation by December 1. Many plants are already in full production. With the facilities of the 60 approved plants added to the already existing dehydrators, the Government expects to meet its 1942 goal of 100 million pounds of dehydrated vegetables.

GENERAL COMMODITIES PURCHASE PROGRAM -- For Lend-Lease the following purchases were made: sour pickles, sweet pickles, pickle relish, and chow chow; cornstarch; ground black pepper (for the Navy Department); citric acid, calf's-foot jelly, assorted jellies, peppermint oil, tangerine oil, and concentrated orange juice.

AMA has undertaken to provide black tea for Russia's fighting forces, but is having difficulty because of the short supply of this commodity. Latest information from the trade, however, indicates that the requirement may be met at least in major part within the next few days. In this action, the Administration received the aid and cooperation of the Tea Association of the USA and the War Production Board. The tea shipped from this country will be replaced by the Russians from their quota under the Tea Allocation Plan.

S. R. Smith

-FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION-

1f. DEPOSITS - TO CREDIT PROJECT 04-1502

Special attention is called to the designation of the fund to which collections (not fees) are to be credited when receipts are to be deposited to the credit of Project 04-1502. The proper designation is as follows:

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2f. ASSIGNMENT TO QUARTERMASTER CORPS AFTER INDUCTION

The following information was recently received from Capt. I. A. Johnson of the Quartermaster Corps regarding the method of obtaining assignment to the Quartermaster Corps after induction:

"It is no longer the policy of the War Department to enlist or induct personnel in any specific branch of the Army. All inductees are accepted in the Army of the United States until such time as their qualifications have developed to a point where they may be assigned to a certain branch of the Army. On induction, an inspector should make his qualifications known to the classification officer at the Reception Center in order that he may be assigned to the Quartermaster Corps if his qualifications warrant such an assignment. If he is not assigned to the Quartermaster Corps upon his induction, he may submit application for transfer to the Quartermaster Corps through his immediate Commanding Officer, setting forth his special qualifications and reasons for desiring such a transfer."

3f. AN EXEMPTION TO CANADIAN IMPORT REGULATIONS

On August 23, E. G. Paige, Acting Chief, Fruit and Vegetable Inspection, Canadian Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, Canada, advised this Department as follows:

"An exemption to our Import Regulations, granted by this Department, in connection with the importation from the United States of substandard or cull potatoes by the Pacific Glucose Refinery Limited, New Westminster, B. C., for manufacturing purposes has been made.

"This concession means, therefore, that such potatoes will not need to be U.S. Government inspected and certified as meeting Canadian import requirements. The collector of Customs and Excise at New Westminster, B. C., has been advised by his head office here that he may accept import entry of such potatoes for processing at the Pacific Glucose Refinery Ltd. without U. S. or Canadian Government Inspection Certificate.

"I might say that steps have been taken to have our Vancouver office and our inspector located at New Westminster check to see that these potatoes are used for manufacturing purposes only."



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Service, Onley, Virginia; apples, Federal-State  
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Martinsburg, West Virginia.

5f. ENCLOSURES

Enclosed with this Branch Letter for each inspector are copies of Washington Standards for Strawberries, August 1942 and Washington Standards for Potatoes, August 1942.

Included with this Branch Letter are copies of Amendment No. 1 of Service and Regulatory Announcement No. 93 which is effective October 7.

ADDRESS CHANGES

All leased wires addressed to E. E. Conklin, Washington, D. C. should include his initials in order to facilitate delivery inasmuch as there is another Conklin in A.M.A.

Neal Sanborn will report to Chicago about October 1, as Field Supervisor to take over the job formerly handled by D. C. Beeler, who is now Regional Supervisor.

H. M. Riley advises that his residence address is 624 Seventh St., N. W., Winter Haven, Florida.

A. B. Farlinger, Chicago Market News Office, advises that his residence address is now 715 Lincoln Street, Evanston, Illinois.

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1a. MILITARY FURLOUGH

Before a Military Furlough can be granted it is necessary for the Washington office to be furnished with the exact date on which the employee enters the military service. It is suggested that two signed leave slips be submitted to the Washington office - one showing the time and date on which annual leave is to begin and the other - merely signed - in the event it becomes necessary to charge the applicant with leave without pay, following the annual leave and just prior to the date of induction. These leave slips will be completed in the Washington office after the leave records in the Time Office have been checked. This action will assist materially in expediting final salary payment to the employee.

2a. ANTI-FREEZE REQUIREMENTS FOR GOVERNMENT-OWNED AUTOMOBILES

Those offices operating Government-owned automobiles should advise immediately the amount of anti-freeze required for the coming winter season. The smallest quantity available is one case - consisting of 6 gallons. It is suggested, therefore, that AMA offices located in one city pool their orders so that one shipment can be made to be re-distributed to those concerned in accordance with requirements.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Mr. George A. Crone, in charge of the processed foods office at Macon, Georgia, advises that the office is in Room 701 Grand Building and the P.O. Box No. has been changed from 1057 to 1269. Office telephone No.: Macon 4098.

H. N. Renfro is now located at Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and will supervise the potato inspection work there this winter.

The Fresno processed foods office is now located at 1630 LaSalle Ave. instead of 237 Holland Building. Evert J. Elvin in charge.

F. S. Kinsey is now located in room 284 Wholesale Terminal Building, Los Angeles, Calif. Office phone number: Vandyke 8756.

R.H. Shoemaker has been transferred to New York City, where he is in charge of a new P.A.C.A. office, located at 641 Washington Street, Room 820.

John W. Dykes, Jr., is in charge of a new processed foods office at 227 Fourth Street, Santa Rosa, California.



<u>TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE</u>				
<u>Stations</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Benton Harbor, Michigan 205 Post Office Bldg.	R.E. Keller	Apples Grapes Onions Peaches Pears Potatoes	Aug. 4 Sept. 21 Sept. 9 Aug. 4 Aug. 12 Oct. 1	Nov. 6 Oct. 15 Oct. 31 Sept. 13 Oct. 15 Oct. 31
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*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	S. W. Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 14	April 30
*Rochester, New York 300 Terminal Bldg.	J.C. Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Aug. 31 " " " " " " Sept. 24 Aug. 31 " " " " Oct. 6	May 19 Feb. 20 May 19 Dec. 15 Oct. 7 April 21 Oct. 27 Sept. 23 May 5
*Waupaca, Wisconsin Court House	M. W. Hanson	Potatoes	Sept. 3	March 31

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS WILL OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Belle Glade, Fla.	F.S. Nightingale-Beans	Nov. 1	Dec. 24	
Weslaco, Texas	R. M. Fox	Citrus	Nov. 1	March 31
		Vegetables	" 19	May 31
* State Cooperating				

## -MARKET PROGRAMS DIVISION-

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ORANGE ORDER - Several months ago the Government filed suit against several handlers for the collection of assessments under the marketing agreement and order regulating the handling of oranges and grapefruit grown in the States of California and Arizona. Many of the delinquent assessments were paid. During September the defendants filed a motion for dismissal and the Court dismissed the motion. The matter will come before the Court for final hearing in the near future.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA LEMON ORDER -- The Administrator has issued regulations limiting shipments of lemons to 300 carloads for the week ending October 3, and 250 carloads for the current week.

The supply of lemons for the remainder of the season is extremely short, and the Committee has indicated that in all probability no further regulation will be recommended for a period of two or three months beginning about November 1st.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA GRAPEFRUIT ORDER -- The Grapefruit Administrative Committee has been organized for the season with offices at Phoenix. Following Committee recommendations, the Administrator has issued a regulation limiting the shipment of California-Arizona Desert grapefruit to U. S. No. 2 grade and better, and to size 80 and larger in domestic commerce, and to size 100 and larger in commerce to Canada. Shipments of grapefruit from Arizona are expected to begin about the middle of October. It is not expected that shipments from the Imperial or Coachella districts will begin in any volume before November 1st.

FLORIDA CITRUS ORDER -- The organizational meeting of the Shippers Advisory Committee was held September 24th. The subcommittees on marketing policy and budget will meet October 9th. A joint meeting of the Growers Administrative and Shippers Advisory Committees is to be held on October 16, at which time the matters of marketing policy, assessments, and grade and size regulations will be considered. It is expected that the first grade and size regulations will be recommended to become effective October 26th.

The case of J. E. Neal and Fruitland Packing Company came before the Court on September 23d, and the hearing was postponed until October 12th.

The cases of H. J. Smith Produce Company and Winn-Lovett Grocery Company came before the Court on September 8, at which time the defendants pleaded nolo contendere. A fine of \$100 was imposed, but it was suspended on condition that the defendants comply with regulations for two years.

In the case of W. C. Champion Company, the defendant pleaded nolo contendere on September 23d and was fined \$50.

Mr. Floyd F. Hedlund has been called to active duty with the 3d Army Air Force. Robert Evans is acting in charge of the Citrus Fruit Section.

GEORGIA PEACH MARKETING AGREEMENT AND ORDER -- Concerning two criminal informations filed against the same defendant in the Federal District Court in Albany, Georgia for shipping uninspected peaches this past marketing season, in the first case the Court entered an order of nolo prosequi and in the second case the defendant entered a plea of nolo contendere and was assessed \$150. In four other similar cases of criminal informations filed in the Federal District Court at Atlanta the Judge gave each of the four defendants a sentence of one year on probation.



**CABBAGE DIVERSION PROGRAM** -- Requests for diversion authorizations have been received and granted to sauerkraut packers having plants in several of the States covered by the recently announced program. Kentucky and Missouri are being added to the 13 States already under the program. Reports indicate that the grower price for sauerkraut cabbage has now been stabilized at \$7.50 a ton, although some cabbage, mostly on prior contracts, is still selling at slightly lower prices.

**VEGETABLE DEHYDRATION** -- The first vegetable dehydration training school for personnel of commercial dehydration establishments that have been approved by the Dehydration Committee came to a close last week at the Western Regional Laboratory at Albany, California, with over 100 representatives in attendance. The meetings were very successful, and it is anticipated that the second school which will get under way at Rochester, New York, on October 19 with over 125 in attendance will be even more so. The schools are being conducted to assure production of the highest quality of dehydrated vegetables for the military forces of the United States and the United Nations.

Over 235 applications have been received to date from concerns for participation in the vegetable dehydration expansion program, and 76 have been approved by the Dehydration Committee. Fifty-seven have had their priorities processed and approved by WPB and should be in full operation by January 1. Many plants are already in full production. With the facilities of the 76 approved plants added to the already existing dehydrators, the Government expects to meet its 1942 goal of 100 million pounds of dehydrated vegetables.

**MERCHANDISING CAMPAIGN** -- Cabbage is still a Victory Food Special at the present time. Sweetpotatoes are being considered for a Victory Food Special during early November.

**SURPLUS PURCHASES** -- Purchases of apples are continuing, although we were unable to procure the full quantity allocated for this week due primarily to the fact that the industry is having difficulty securing containers. Cabbage was purchased in North Carolina; beets, carrots, corn, and tomatoes were purchased in Pennsylvania.

**GENERAL COMMODITIES PURCHASE PROGRAM** -- For Lend-Lease the following were purchased: concentrated lemon juice, citrus pectin, golden syrup, black tea, seed potatoes, fresh onions, canned orange juice; dehydrated potatoes, carrots, rutabagas. Canned prunes were purchased for Alaska. Fresh onions and fresh potatoes were purchased for the Caribbean area. Under Territorial Emergency Program the following were purchased: fresh potatoes, onions, lemons, and tomato juice.

**APPLES** -- With reference to storage, inquiries should be addressed to W.C. Crow, Chief of the Transportation and Warehousing Branch of AMA. These problems are being handled by that office. With reference to problems on packages, it is suggested that growers be advised to get in touch with package manufacturer's outside of the area of the usual source of supply. In some areas shippers are contemplating the use of waterproof fibre cartons for apples.

**TOKAY GRAPE AGREEMENT PROGRAM** -- The Administrator has terminated the regulations which have been in effect under this program.

(ATTENTION, Field Representatives of Market Programs Division-see item on page 138

-FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION-

1f. METHOD OF SAMPLING PEANUTS:

In the past we have drawn and examined a 3000 gram sample of No. 1 Shelled Runner, White Spanish and Virginia type peanuts and a 2000 gram sample of No. 2 of each of these types. It has been decided that in the future a 3000 gram sample shall be drawn but a smaller one examined as follows:

Sampling should be done just as in the past from at least 25 sacks in various parts of a load. The entire sample of around 3000 grams should be taken to the office and thoroughly mixed by hand and by pouring several times from one pan to another, after which it should be spread on a table and split. The sample should then be divided into 3 equal parts except that U.S. No. 1 Runner peanuts should be divided into 6 equal parts. One of the parts will be used as a basis for making the actual examination.

The sample examined for U.S. No. 1 and U.S. No. 2 Shelled White Spanish, Shelled Virginia type and U.S. No. 2 Runner shall be 1000 grams. The sample examined for U.S. No. 1 Shelled Runner shall be 500 grams. Shelled White Spanish and Shelled Virginia type peanuts shall be examined for damaged nuts in the same way as in the past as outlined in paragraphs 55, 56 and 56 $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Peanut Inspection Circular. U.S. No. 1 Shelled Runner peanuts, however, shall be examined by cutting the entire 500 gram sample. This is in line with the new U.S. Grades for Shelled Runner Peanuts, effective September 21, 1942.

The following form of statement shall be used on the certificates:

For all U.S. No. 1 and U.S. No. 2 Shelled White Spanish and Shelled Virginia type and U.S. No. 2 Shelled Runner, certificates shall read under the "Quality" heading: "Of a 3000 gram sample drawn, 1000 grams examined contain the following:"

For all U.S. No. 1 Shelled Runner, the statement under the Quality heading shall read: "Of a 3000 gram sample drawn, 500 grams examined contain the following:"

2f. NUMBERS FOR INSPECTION OFFICES

Par. 179, Part I of the Receiving Point Inspection Handbook, gives instructions as to the marking of cars which have been inspected in the terminal markets. Please insert the three following cities opposite the numbers indicated: Baton Rouge 42 Jackson, Miss. 43 Shreveport 44

3f. REVISION OF SHIPPING POINT AND RECEIVING MARKET ADDRESS LISTS

Those in charge of all shipping point and receiving market offices should send in up-to-date information regarding office and residence addresses and telephone numbers so that new address lists can be issued.



TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING AUGUST 1942

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Alabama	46	New Hampshire	2
Arizona	101	New Jersey	1011
Arkansas	82	New York	624
California	5725	North Carolina	495
Colorado	5292	North Dakota	119
Delaware	3	Ohio	213
Georgia	398	Oklahoma	288
Idaho	1150	Oregon	1110
Illinois	198	Pennsylvania	263
Indiana	21	Rhode Island	24
Kansas	2	South Carolina	1974
Kentucky	71	South Dakota	69
Louisiana	234	Tennessee	52
Maine	11	Texas	266
Maryland	76	Utah	166*
Massachusetts	40	Virginia	689
Michigan	863	Washington	921
Minnesota	374	West Virginia	208
Mississippi	3	Wisconsin	109
Montana	3	TOTAL	24,023
Nebraska	727		

\* There were 127 trucklots aggregating 1,688,870 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Acts. The following reports not yet received: Iowa, Missouri, and New Mexico.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING AUGUST 1942

<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total Inspections</u>	<u>Same Month Last Year</u>
Albany	8	29	Miami	42	0
Atlanta	31	31	Milwaukee	24	37
Baltimore	22	17	Minneapolis	42	30
Boise	1	-	Newark	14	18
Boston	145	189	New Haven	12	17
Buffalo	73	79	New Orleans	145	90
Chicago	230	139	New York*	171	228
Cincinnati	31	29	Norfolk	21	4
Cleveland	59	90	Oklahoma	12	6
Columbia, S.C.	2	-	Philadelphia	62	270
Columbus	36	33	Pittsburgh	145	206
Denver	24	18	Portland	31	12
Detroit	104	141	Raleigh	1	0
Fargo	0	1	Rochester	4	7
Fort Worth	17	12	St. Louis	31	29
Harrisburg	2	3	Salt Lake City	9	0
Hartford	19	16	San Francisco	18	0
Houston	24	21	Seattle	38	55
Indianapolis	13	10	Shreveport	43	-
Jackson	1	0	Tampa	3	3
Jacksonville	52	30	Trenton	0	1
Kansas City	42	38	Washington, D.C.	15	18
Los Angeles	60	7	Total	1894	1965

\* Correction for New York City for July should have been 395 instead of 1407.

995 cars inspected for Western Perishable

Total fees assessed for August, 1942 \$8,663.03  
Total last year \$7,215.94  
Carload Receiver's Assn., New York City.

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4f. Fee for Condition Inspections

All inspectors should refer to Amendment No. 1 to S.R.A. 93 which was sent to all offices with the last Branch Letter. According to this amendment effective October 7 the fee for condition inspections is \$4 per car, the same as for grade inspections.

5f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Arkansas reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren, Arkansas.

" Indiana onion reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

" Virginia sweetpotato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Onley, Virginia; apples, Federal-State Inspection Service, Winchester, Virginia.

" West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

E.E.Conklin

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-PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION-

1d. CONTINUOUS FACTORY INSPECTION STATEMENTS

We wish to request again that all offices handling the statements for charges at plants operating under continuous inspection send one copy of each statement to the Washington Processed Foods office.

2d. PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

Remove from Past Due Accounts:

French Lick Foods, Inc. Paoli, Indiana \$2.90

Paul M. Williams

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ATTENTION, Field Representatives of Market Programs Division: In the future it will not be necessary to send leave slips into Washington in duplicate. One copy will be sufficient.

If, in the past, you have not kept a file of your expense accounts, please do so in the future, as the file which was kept in Washington is being discontinued and a record will no longer be available in this office segregating expenses incurred for per diem, rail, and auto travel. It will be necessary to send in only the original and two copies of expense vouchers.

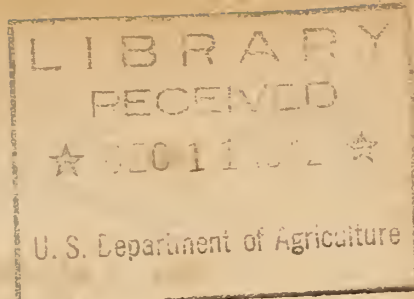
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October 23, 1942

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH LETTER

1a. IMPORTANT - EXPENSE ACCOUNTS MUST BE SUBMITTED MONTHLY

All allotments for official travel during the current fiscal year have been sharply curtailed. For this reason it becomes exceedingly important for the Administrative office to keep a close check on all travel expenditures in order that the reduced allotments may not be exceeded. Employees in all Divisions of the Branch performing any official travel must be required, therefore, to submit expense accounts at the close of each month, unless the amount involved is quite small in which case the expense account may be held for two months since such totals will not materially affect the travel allotments.

2a. FORM AMS-57 MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH L. A. EMPLOYEE

Replies to many requests for a record of "leave" prior to separation or military furlough have been delayed because the Time Office has no report of the employee's Letter of Authorization service. The Time Office again calls attention to the fact that, unless it receives a report of the employee's Letter of Authorization service - which should be submitted in duplicate to W. C. Hasbrouck on form AMS-57 - requests for leave accumulated during L. A. service will not be approved.

3a. SPEED LIMIT ON MOTOR VEHICLES

All employees who operate motor vehicles on official business, regardless of whether the vehicle is personally owned or Government-owned, are notified that a speed not in excess of 35 miles per hour must be strictly observed.

Any exceptions to the above mentioned speed will be at the Direction of the military or naval forces, or in an emergency for the protection or preservation of life or health or for public safety and then only at a speed which is reasonable under conditions prevailing at the time.

(The above instructions issued at direction of the Secretary)

4a. ACCUMULATION OF ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE

Inquiries are being received in the Washington office with reference to the total amount of annual leave which an employee may accumulate. The leave regulations have not recently been changed in this respect and, accordingly, the amount of annual leave which an employee may accumulate remains the same - 60 days.

Sick leave is accumulative up to 90 days.



5a. MAILING LISTS

In order to insure proper delivery of Administrator's memoranda or Operational Instructions, directions concerning corrections or additions thereto should be addressed to E. R. Felder, Administrative Services Division, Agricultural Marketing Administration, U. S. D. A., Washington, D. C.

6a. LOAN OF VEHICLES DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON

The following is quoted from a letter addressed to the Secretary by the Acting Postmaster General relative to the proposed use of automobiles belonging to this Department for the handling of mail during the Christmas season:

"It will be appreciated if you will have appropriate instructions issued to your representatives having custody over vehicles suitable and available for postal purposes during the coming Christmas season, in order that they may be in possession of the necessary authority to act when contacted by postmasters.

"The Department shall be grateful for every possible assistance you may be able to render in placing at the disposal of the postal service the maximum number of vehicles for this special purpose. Owing to the existing National Emergency, it is anticipated that the demand for vehicles in the postal service this year will be greater than ever before, hence the urgent appeal for your cooperation to the fullest extent."

It is requested that the field offices of this Branch cooperate with the Post Office Department or the Federal Business Associations, in every way possible consistent with proper functioning of the office.

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ADDRESS CHANGES

The St. Louis offices (fresh inspection and market news) have been moved to 442 Boatmen's Bank Building. Telephone: Chestnut 8738, exchange 452.

W.W. Anderson advises that the telephone number for the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, office is now 3-7755. His residence address is 414 Oakwood Drive, residence telephone 3-5160.

The San Jose, California, processed foods office is now located at 350 West Santa Clara Street.

The Fresno, California, processed foods office has moved to 1630 LaSalle Ave.

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4f. ENCLOSURES

There are being distributed with this Branch Letter, to all fresh F&V inspection offices, copies of Circular No. 278 entitled "The Commercial Storage of Fruits, Vegetables, and Florists' Stocks" and Circular No. 659 entitled "Handling Apples from Tree to Table."

-MARKET PROGRAMS DIVISION-

1g. COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ORANGE ORDER -- The order was issued by the Secretary, with the approval of the President, to be effective October 26, 1942.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA LEMON ORDER -- The Administrator has issued regulations limiting shipments of lemons to 250 carloads for the week ending October 17, and 235 carloads for the current week.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA GRAPEFRUIT ORDER -- On October 13th the Secretary's office approved the expenses that may be incurred by the Administrative Committee during the current fiscal year, and approved the rate of assessment to be levied against interstate shipments.

FLORIDA CITRUS ORDER -- The Administrative Committees met on October 16 and made recommendations for grade and size regulations of early and mid-season oranges, tangerines, and seeded and seedless grapefruit which, if made effective, will be the first of the current season.

CABBAGE DIVERSION PROGRAM -- Diversion authorizations have been granted to 47 sauerkraut plants for more than 10 million gallons of sauerkraut. To the thirteen States originally included in this program the following have been added: Missouri, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, West Virginia, and Delaware.

MERCHANDISING CAMPAIGNS -- Apples are a Victory Food Special for the period October 22 through October 31.

SURPLUS PURCHASES -- Late fall and winter type squash was purchased in Massachusetts; sweetpotatoes in North Carolina; apple purchases are continuing. Beginning next week a few cars of fancy grade dessert apples will be purchased in the Northwestern States for distribution in school lunches in the Pacific Coast and Mountain States.

GENERAL COMMODITIES PURCHASE PROGRAM -- For Lend-Lease the following were purchased: granulated sugar, ascorbic acid tablets, concentrated orange juice, dehydrated vegetables (cabbage, rutabagas, potatoes, and carrots), pickles and chow chow, tomato paste, distilled lemon and peppermint oils, and dried apples. For Caribbean shipment seed potatoes were purchased, and fresh onions were purchased for the Territorial Emergency Program.

PRICE CEILINGS -- Following the establishment of Temporary Maximum Price Regulation No. 22 (affecting onions, potatoes, and fresh and canned citrus fruit), the OPA held conferences with representatives of the industries concerned for the purpose of securing data on which to base permanent price regulations. These meetings have no "results" in the ordinary sense, since they were not deliberative and only individual opinions were expressed; however, OPA acquired much valuable information, and permanent regulations are expected to be announced some time prior to the expiration of the 60-day temporary period December 5th.

S. R. Smith



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		Carrots	" "	May 19
		Celery	" "	Dec. 15
		Grapes	Sept. 24	Oct. 7
		Onions	Aug. 31	April 21
		Pears	" "	Oct. 27
		Peaches	" "	Sept. 23
		Potatoes	Oct. 6	May 5
*Waupaca, Wisconsin Court House	M.W. Hanson	Potatoes	Sept. 3	March 31
Weslaco, Texas	R.M. Fox	Citrus	Nov. 2	March 31
		Vegetables	" 19	May 31

THE FOLLOWING STATION WILL OPEN ON THE DATE INDICATED

*Grand Rapids, Michigan	R.E. Keller	Fruits	Nov. 9	Jan. 9
		Vegetables	" 9	Apr. 15

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## -FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION-

1f. INSPECTION OF NO. 2 SHELLED RUNNER PEANUTS

The recently revised U.S. Standards for Shelled Runner Peanuts effective September 21, 1942 allows in U. S. No. 2 grade a tolerance of not more than  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  by weight of unshelled or damaged peanuts. This is the same tolerance allowed in the previous grade. The Southeastern Peanut Association adopted, effective September 21, 1942, a grade known as No. 2 Shelled Runner Peanuts which is like our U. S. No. 2 except that it allows a tolerance of "not more than  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  by weight of unshelled or damaged peanuts."

Inspections of U.S. No. 2 Shelled Runner Peanuts should be based on the U. S. grade unless the applicant specifically requests the inspection on the basis of the Southeastern Peanut Association No. 2. All of the other Association grades are exactly like the U. S. grades.

2f. ARMY PURCHASE PRICE INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL

Inspectors working on Army Market Center purchases are regularly furnished with copies of purchase orders to assist the inspectors/<sup>in</sup>intelligently making inspections and writing certificates pertaining to purchases. The purchase order copies furnished the inspector are identical with those furnished the vendor and carry the price being paid for the produce.

Market Center officials want it understood that any inspector having a copy of a purchase order shall not give out any information from the order to any competitor of the vendor or to any other party. The inspector's copy of a purchase order is to be kept in his care in such manner as not to be accessible for reading by competitors or other parties.

Persons or firms seeking information of any type relative to Army purchases should be referred to the Market Center for such information.

3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Warsaw, Indiana.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

" Virginia sweetpotato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Onley, Virginia; apples, Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Winchester, Va.

" West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Martinsburg, West Virginia.

" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,  
Nebr.

E. E. Conklin

## -MARKET NEWS DIVISION-

1b. NEW CODE PAGE FOR PEANUTS

A new code page for peanuts has been sent all market news offices, to become effective with the peanut wires of November 3. Note that the number of bases of sale have been greatly reduced. It is believed these bases cover all methods of sale now quoted by city markets. However, if your own market is not properly covered, please advise us with recommendations for the necessary basis.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH LETTER

1a. NO RETIREMENT DEDUCTIONS FROM L. A. PAYROLLS - EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1.

Effective November 1, 1942, no retirement deductions should be made from a Letter of Authorization payroll - except in those cases where such deductions have previously been made. This includes those cases where an L. A. employee reported for duty prior to November 1 and for whom the first L. A. payroll has thus far not been submitted.

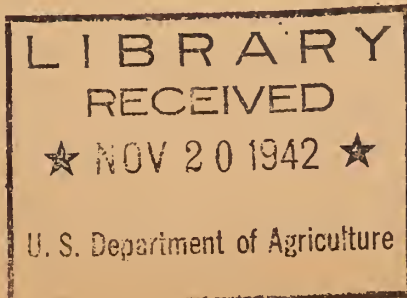
New L. A. employees (subsequent to November 1) will not have retirement deductions taken from their salaries unless or until they receive a War Service appointment. After an employee receives a War Service appointment - should he desire to receive service credit for the time during which he was an L. A. employee, he may submit his personal check or money order to the Washington office in an amount sufficient to cover what would have been the retirement deductions during his L.A. service. His only purpose in doing this - will be to build up his service record in connection with his final retirement.

2a. PURCHASE OF POSTAGE STAMPS FOR USE IN FIELD OFFICES

In accordance with a policy which has been established by the Department, the purchase of postage stamps for official use in field offices is to be made by the officer in charge of the field station. He will prepare and sign a requisition for the amount of postage required, listing thereon the various denominations requested and, upon receiving the postage stamps, will receipt the requisition and deliver same to the Postmaster. (This arrangement is only effective at the main post office in the city concerned.) He will then secure the signature of the Postmaster or officer authorized to execute the certificate on the Standard Form 1034 voucher and forward the voucher, together with a copy of the requisition, to the Washington office, attention W. C. Hasbrouck, for payment. Small quantities of stamps for official use can, of course, be purchased and reclaimed on the officer's expense account. (This should be less than \$1.00)

3a. NOVEMBER 26, 1942 - HOLIDAY

Thanksgiving Day - November 26, 1942, has been declared an official Holiday. This applies to the field as well as to Washington.





-MARKET PROGRAMS DIVISION-

1g. COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ORANGE ORDER -- Messrs. H. W. Thompson and M. T. Coogan were appointed agents of the Secretary in connection with the operations of this program.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA LEMON ORDER -- The Committee which was appointed to administer the lemon marketing agreement program during the current season has recommended that regulation of shipments of lemons be discontinued until more fruit is available.

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA GRAPEFRUIT ORDER -- The Committee administering this agreement program recommended regulations for the period November 1-21 limiting shipments of grapefruit in interstate commerce and to Canada to U. S. No. 2 and better grades and size 80 and larger sizes. These regulations were issued by the Administrator October 29, and are the first of the current season.

FLORIDA CITRUS ORDER -- On October 24th the Administrator made effective the first regulations of the season under this agreement program; such regulations limiting all shipments of grapefruit, oranges, and tangerines to U. S. No. 2 and higher grades and sizes limited as follows: Mid-season oranges to size 288 and larger, seeded grapefruit to size 80 and larger, seedless grapefruit to size 96 and larger, and tangerines to sizes 210 and larger. Certain exceptions are made in the grade regulations - no Russet oranges and no Combination Russet seeded grapefruit being permitted to be shipped.

CALIFORNIA DECIDUOUS TREE FRUIT AGREEMENT -- On November 4 the Secretary discharged the trustees for the California deciduous agreement program which was terminated in April 1938.

CABBAGE DIVERSION -- Diversion authorizations have been granted to 53 sauerkraut plants for more than eleven million gallons of sauerkraut. The program now covers 25 States.

MERCHANDISING CAMPAIGNS -- Domestic tree nuts will be the Victory Food Special for the period November 9-23. Grapefruit and tangerines have been designated as the Special for the period December 3-12. The designation of sweetpotatoes, originally planned for the early part of November, has been postponed, and is now under consideration for the early part of December.

NORTHWEST WALNUT PROGRAM -- On October 23 the agreement and order regulating the handling of walnuts grown in California, Oregon, and Washington was amended, effective October 27, providing for a salable percentage of 65 percent of merchantable unshelled walnuts for the 1942 crop year and increasing the maximum size specification for "Baby Grade" walnuts.

SURPLUS PURCHASES -- Cabbage was purchased in Minnesota; squash in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont; and sweetpotatoes in North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland. A meeting is being held to determine the future course of purchase activities with respect to apples.

GENERAL COMMODITIES PURCHASE PROGRAM -- For Lend-Lease the following were purchased: fruit squash, vinegar, dried apples, concentrated orange juice, tomato juice, ascorbic acid crystals, riboflavin, thiamin hydrochloride, diastatic enzyme, and stock salt. For the Caribbean stockpile onions were purchased. Canned peas, fresh lemons, fresh potatoes, onions, and canned tomato juice were purchased for Territorial Emergency Program.

VEGETABLE DEHYDRATION -- Plans are being formulated for the requirements for dehydrated vegetables for the next fiscal year. This is being done in order to request the necessary strategic materials to provide plant expansion for the anticipated additional requirements for these commodities.

Applications are still being received from food processors who wish to convert their facilities for vegetable dehydration. About 90 of these applications have been approved by the Dehydration Committee to date and plants which are approved are being given every assistance to secure the necessary equipment to get into operation as soon as possible.

S. R. Smith

-MARKET NEWS DIVISION-

1b. CHANGE IN METHOD OF REPORTING TRUCK RECEIPTS OF PEANUTS:

Effective November 1 the Office of Defense Transportation established minimum carload weights on peanuts of 50,000 pounds of shelled, and 40,000 pounds of unshelled stock. In view of this change of weights and the uncertainty of its permanency, in the future please report truck receipts of peanuts on the basis of actual number of bags received, by States and types, rather than reducing receipts to carlots as in the past. For local unload reports use the same conversion factor as previously used in reducing truck receipts to carlots.

2b. OFFICIAL TRAVEL

A definite limit has been placed on the amount that can be spent for travel during the current fiscal year. Travel means actual official travel by any public carrier or personally owned automobile and all per diem. Each Market News man is earnestly requested therefore to restrict his travel out of permanent or temporary headquarters to the minimum necessary to adequately take care of his official work. If any particular travel or trip is not thought actually essential to the successful carrying on of the work - don't make the trip.

3b. CHANGE ON WA-WI (MISCELLANEOUS) PAGE OF CODE (Effective Nov. 18)

On the WA-WI (MISCELLANEOUS) page of code change

EK Yellow Crooknecks to read

EK Yellow type

B.C. Boree



<u>TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE</u>					
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Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	R.M. Fox	Citrus Vegetables	Nov. 2 " 19	March 31 May 31	

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS WILL CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Benton Harbor, Michigan 205 Post Office Bldg.	R.E. Keller	Apples Grapes Onions Peaches Pears Potatoes	Aug. 4 Sept. 21 Sept. 9 Aug. 4 Aug. 12 Oct. 1	Nov. 6 Oct. 15 Oct. 31 Sept. 18 Oct. 15 " 31	
*Fresno, California Holland Building	J.A. Hunter	Cantalouns Grapes	July 20 July 20	Sept. 18 Nov. 13	

\* State cooperating

J. A. Hunter on leave

-PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION-

1d. NOTES FOR INSPECTORS

It is apparent that some of our inspectors are not wholly familiar with some of the procedure laid down in our Inspectors' Handbook. We realize that the inspection force from Coast to Coast is exceptionally busy but a great deal of unnecessary correspondence can be eliminated if each inspector will thoroughly familiarize himself with the entire Handbook, particularly Chapters 1 to 7, inclusive. The answers to many of the questions frequently arising in correspondence are answered in the Handbook and had reference been made to it unnecessary correspondence would have been eliminated.

It may be that some of the inspectors have loaned their Handbooks to new appointees. We realize there has been a shortage of Handbooks but it is believed that sufficient Handbooks are now available so that each inspector may have a copy in his possession at all times. Any inspector not having a Handbook should immediately advise his supervisor and it will be furnished immediately.

It has been a source of great satisfaction to me and to the administrative officials of this Administration to listen to the many fine comments which have been made personally by so many members of the trade, and in correspondence by others, relative to the fine spirit of cooperation and understanding exhibited by our inspection force. I wish to suggest when laudatory expressions are made to the inspectors, if the inspector feels the expression to be of sufficient importance he suggest to the interested parties that the Administration in Washington would be glad to have the expression reduced to writing and forwarded to Washington. It is very helpful to Messrs. Hendrickson, Kitchen, Meal, and others who have occasion to explain our work and to keep Congress informed, to have just as clear a picture of our activities as is possible. If such letters recite in detail precisely how we have benefited the users of our service, such statements will assist them greatly.

Once in a while we have criticisms offered, some of which are very constructive. Inspectors should make it a point to report criticisms to their supervisors as it is our very sincere intention to study each criticism thoroughly with a view to constantly improving our service. Each inspector can be most helpful to the Administration by bearing these two points in mind.

Paul M. Williams



TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING SEPTEMBER 1942

(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents)

<u>STATE</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
California	7448	New York	912
Colorado	7295	North Carolina	58
Delaware	114	North Dakota	1420
Idaho	3998	Ohio	253
Illinois	149	Oklahoma	21
Indiana	73	Oregon	2666
Kentucky	7	Rhode Island	29
Louisiana	383	South Dakota	89
Maine	269	Texas	57
Maryland	219	Utah	425*
Massachusetts	68	Vermont	1
Michigan	839	Virginia	1241
Minnesota	1007	Washington	1738
Mississippi	4	West Virginia	613
Montana	9	Wisconsin	324
Nebraska	155	Wyoming	5
New Hampshire	10		
New Jersey	765		
New Mexico	361	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33,025</b>

\* There were 158 trucklots aggregating 2,108,105 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following report not yet received: Pennsylvania.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING SEPTEMBER 1942					
Total			Same Month		
Markets	Inspections	Last Year	Markets	Inspections	Last Year
Albany	6	21	Milwaukee	38	33
Atlanta	80	45	Minneapolis	36	25
Baltimore	58	32	Newark	16	14
Boston	122	143	New Haven	36	35
Buffalo	31	36	New Orleans	162	109
Chicago	250	99	New York	123	267
Cincinnati	57	24	Norfolk	28	15
Cleveland	65	43	Oklahoma City	46	13
Columbia	3	-	Philadelphia	51	295
Columbus	19	11	Phoenix	6	0
Denver	28	15	Pittsburgh	125	178
Detroit	85	90	Portland	11	1
Fargo	1	3	Raleigh	3	0
Fort Worth	14	20	Rochester	2	29
Harrisburg	3	1	St. Louis	47	38
Hartford	30	25	Salt Lake City	2	2
Houston	31	14	San Francisco	39	5
Indianapolis	7	4	Seattle	50	37
Jackson	6	0	Shreveport	35	-
Jacksonville	41	29	Tampa	46	21
Kansas City	73	55	Washington, D.C.	15	9
Los Angeles	115	6	TOTAL	2118	1876
Memphis	34	16	Total fees assessed for		
Miami	42	18	Sept. 1942 \$9,880.85		
			Total last year \$6,834.16		

1081 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receiver's Assn., New York City.

-FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION-

1f. MAINE POTATO NUMBERS ON WASHINGTON CAR LISTS

The Washington D.C. car lists covering Maine potatoes will not show a symbol to indicate whether they meet Blue Goose or Top Tater quality.

2f. RUNNER PEANUT INSPECTIONS

When inspecting No. 1 peanuts a check sample of 500 grams should be retained for 30 days in case of a possible appeal or other dispute in addition to the 500-gram sample which is cut.

3f. CERTIFICATION OF SPORT VARIETIES OF APPLES

The following paragraph should replace paragraph 13 of the Market Inspection Apple Circular which was revised December 1, 1940:

The terms "Red Delicious" and "Red Rome" refer to Sport varieties of apples as contrasted with ordinary striped Delicious and Rome Beauty. One of the common varieties of Red Delicious is "Richard Red." Apples of this variety have a solid red color. Another common Red Delicious variety is Starking. Apples of this variety have a heavy dark striping except that on very highly colored fruit the color may appear solid, and fruit from old Starking trees may show more apparent striping because of poorer color, than that from young trees. It is very difficult to distinguish Starking from Delicious when the former is not highly colored.

4f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw,  
Indiana.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,  
Nebraska.

" Virginia sweetpotato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Onley, Virginia; apples, Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Winchester, Va.

" West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Martinsburg, West Virginia.

" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,  
Nebr.

5f. CLOSURE

A copy of "Pennsylvania Boxed Apple Grades" accompanies this Branch Letter for each inspector east of the Mississippi River.

CORRECTION

Circulars No. 278 and 659 referred to on page 140 of the last Branch Letter (10/23/42) did not accompany that issue. These circulars are being distributed with this issue.

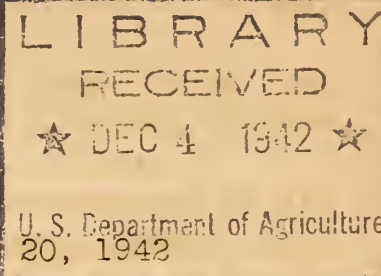
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## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH LETTER

1a. O.P.A. CEILING REGULATIONS ON POTATOES AND ONIONS

Our offices in Washington and in the field have been receiving numerous requests for interpretations of O.P.A. ceiling regulations on potatoes and onions. Since these regulations or any future ones that may be issued are highly technical and often carry severe penalties for noncompliance or violation, we should not attempt to make interpretations or offer interpretative advice.

Anyone who asks for any special interpretation should be advised to contact the Office of Price Information in Washington or the local O.P.A. office, if there is one.

W. G. Meal

2a. CALL LETTERS AT LEASED WIRE POINTS

Ames	AM	Nashville	NV
Atlanta	AN	New York	NY
Baltimore (F&V)	BO	Ogden	OG
Baltimore (LS)	BX	Okla. City	MX
Boston	BN	Omaha	OX
Chicago (F&V)	CG	Philadelphia	PA
Chicago (D&G)	CD	Pittsburgh	PG
Chicago (Relay)	CX	Portland	RN
Cincinnati	CA	Richmond	RD
Columbus	CO	Raleigh	RA
Corvallis	CV	San Antonio	SA
Denver (LS)	DX	Sacramento	KO
Denver (F&V)	DV	San Francisco	SF
Des Moines	DM	St. Louis	SO
E. St. Louis	EX	S. St. Paul	SX
Ft. Worth (F&V)	FW	Seattle	WN
Ft. Worth (LS)	FX	Sioux City	SU
Indianapolis	ND	S. St. Joseph	JX
Jacksonville	JN	Stevens Point	S
Kansas City	KA	Waupaca	WA
Kansas City (LS)	KX	Washington, D.C.	MK
Minneapolis	MI	Wichita	WX

North Portland RX

In further reference to new system of using call letters only for originating point and destination of telegrams, you are advised that all teletypists should use call letters for these points instead of names of cities or towns spelled out.

The above list of leased wire offices and office calls, which is to be used as a guide, should be posted in a conspicuous place for ready reference.

W. G. Meal



3a. DO NOT MOVE HOUSEHOLD GOODS OR PERSONAL EFFECTS AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM WASHINGTON

Household goods or personal effects (no matter how small a lot) must not be transported at Government expense unless specific prior approval has been secured through the Washington Office in a formal Letter of Authorization signed in the Office of the Secretary. Even if the cost of moving such goods is under \$50 and formal bids are not required, such effects can be moved at Government expense only from one official station to another official station (involving a change of official headquarters) and thus approval must be obtained through the Office of the Secretary. The Accounting Office will not pass for payment any voucher or Government Bill of Lading covering the transportation of personal effects (even one trunk or suitcase) unless a certified copy of the Letter of Authorization is attached thereto. Thus, will be seen the necessity for securing prior approval as above outlined.

-REGULATORY DIVISION-

1e. MISBRANDING CASES REPORTED AND CORRECTED

During the period March 1 through November 12, 1942, a total of 265 cases of misbranding was handled by the Regulatory Division.

In the majority of these cases the grade marks were corrected, or obliterated, before the goods were offered for sale. Inspectors now seem to understand the types of cases in which we are interested and have shown a fine spirit of cooperation. We hope for their continued cooperation which greatly assists us in putting a stop to the practice of misbranding.

H.A. Spilman

ADDRESS CHANGES

Effective about December 1, E. R. Biddle, for many years in charge of the New York City market news office, will be transferred to Philadelphia to take charge of the market news office there; at the same time, R.L. Sutton transfers from the Philadelphia market news office to the Chicago market news office and M.M. Thomas, of the Chicago market news office, transfers to New York City, to take charge of that market news office.

Arthur R. Pobjecky has been transferred from Philadelphia to Winter Haven, Florida, to take charge of the processed foods inspection office at that point.

E.P. Arnold, formerly of the Philadelphia processed foods office, has been transferred to the Gardiner, Maine, processed foods office.

Paul R. LeGer has been transferred to the Fort Worth office, replacing O.G. Strauss, who has been transferred to the New York City fresh fruit and vegetable inspection office. Meantime, A.S. Mason of the New York City office transferred to the Washington office of the Market Programs Division. He is, however, stationed at Puerto Rico, being engaged on the inspection of food products for the Caribbean area.

The Tyler, Texas, processed foods office has been moved to 425 Wilson Building, Dallas, Texas, with Fred J. Kuehnert in charge.

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THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATE INDICATED

*Phoenix, Arizona	J.A. Hunter	Lettuce	Nov. 27	Dec. 26
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\* State cooperating



-MARKET PROGRAMS DIVISION-

1g. COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ORANGE ORDER -- The docket outlining the nomination procedure for members and alternates of the Orange Administrative Committee was approved November 5th. Arrangements have been made, and the meetings have been held to secure nominations for membership on this new committee.

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA GRAPEFRUIT ORDER -- Effective at 12:01 a.m., November 22 to 12:01 a.m., December 27, the previous regulations for grapefruit shipments were continued. These permit the shipment of only No. 2 grade and higher grades and size 80 and larger sizes.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA LEMON ORDER -- The Lemon Administrative Committee recommended that lemon shipments remain unrestricted.

FLORIDA CITRUS ORDER -- It is reported that extremely dry weather in Florida has advanced the maturity of the fruit and retarded its growth.

In the case of U. S. v. J. E. Neal for violation of regulations under this order, the case has been suspended for the duration of the war.

POTATO MARKETING-AGREEMENT PROGRAMS -- Arrangements are being made to suspend the cull regulations in Idaho and Colorado under the potato agreements.

VEGETABLE DEHYDRATION -- Estimates of the requirements of dehydrated foods, to meet military, Lend-Lease, and domestic civilian requirements have been completed. These estimated requirements will represent a large increase over the requirements for these commodities for the current fiscal year. On the basis of experience gained this season, however, and, in spite of the need for increased facilities to produce these products, it is necessary to give very careful consideration to the facilities and personnel which will be used for this work in any particular plant. Inspection, therefore, of the proposed plants is being made before priorities are granted for equipment.

CABBAGE DIVERSION PROGRAM -- Contracts offering to purchase sauerkraut were mailed to packers participating in the cabbage diversion program this week. These contracts provide that the AMA will purchase from participating packers all sauerkraut they have not sold by March 1, 1943, at 14 cents a gallon. The principal requirements on the part of packers, in order to be eligible to sell to the AMA, is that they must have paid growers at least \$7.50 a ton for cabbage processed into sauerkraut. Diversion authorizations granted now involve 292,230 barrels (45 gallons each) of sauerkraut of a maximum potential pack of approximately 400,000.

SURPLUS PURCHASES -- Cabbage was purchased in New York and Minnesota; squash in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont; sweetpotatoes in Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware. Apples were purchased in several areas.

COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES (Cont'd)

FISCAL ACTIONS -- The five members of the new Lemon Administrative Committee under the California-Arizona Lemon Order who were appointed on October 28 have met and selected nominees for the neutral member and alternate. The Secretary will now take action on this appointment. On November 3 the budget and rate of assessment relating to the expenses of the administrative committee of the Florida citrus order were approved for the current fiscal year.

GENERAL COMMODITIES PURCHASE PROGRAM -- For Lend-Lease the following were purchased: dried apples, concentrated orange juice, tomato puree, citrus pectin, fruit squashes, canned apricots

S. R. Smith

-FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION - STANDARDIZATION SECTION

1c. SPECIFICATIONS FOR BLUE GOOSE AND TOPTATER POTATOES

Mr. H. E. Bryant, General Manager of Maine Potato Growers, Inc., Presque Isle, Maine, informs us that the following specifications have been adopted for Blue Goose and Toptater brand potatoes:

"In addition to meeting the requirements for regular U.S. No. 1 grade as outlined by official standards, Toptater and Blue Goose shall consist of potatoes of similar varietal characteristics, which are firm, fairly well matured, generally fairly clean, fairly uniform in size.\* The stock to be graded two inch minimum size A with an average of no more than 4% external grade defects with no more than 12% defects in any one sample. Soft rot and/or wet breakdown shall not average more than 1% with not more than 2% in any one sample. This tolerance for soft rot shall be included in the above mentioned tolerance for grade defects. All of the above terms shall be based upon the interpretation of such terms as is set forth by the Federal State Inspection Service."

\*In this case, fairly uniform in size shall be interpreted to mean potatoes grading two inch minimum and 20 ounce maximum with a tolerance of 5% for oversize.

2c. PEANUT COMPUTATION TABLE

A copy of Computation Table for Use in Inspection of Peanuts was sent to each inspector with the Branch Letter of November 6, 1942.

R. R. Pailthorp



-FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION-

1f. INSPECTION FEES FOR LOTS IN EXCESS OF CUSTOMARY CARLOAD:

As a result of ODT Order No. 18, the quantity loaded in cars of certain commodities will be more than the customary amount. Our inspection fees should be based on the customary size of a carload as indicated in the Branch Letter of June 5, 1942 with the exception of apples and onions. In the Table of Customary Packages Per Carload, apples, boxes - Eastern shipments, should be changed from 630 to 650, and boxes Western shipments, from 798 to 756. With these changes, the inspection fee for all apples on the emergency basis will usually be \$5.00 per carload. In the Customary Number of Packages table for onions, 50-lb. bags (others) should be changed from 500 to 500-600 bags. As there is a possibility that the emergency loading for onions will be changed from the present 40,000 lb. minimum, it has been decided that for our purposes in determining the inspection fee we will consider the emergency load not more than one-quarter larger than the customary load. This will usually result in an inspection fee of \$5.00 per car.

Since it is impracticable to figure exact fractions when a load is in excess of the number of containers shown in the Table of Customary Number of Packages per Carload, fractions should be figured in fourths or the next higher fourth.

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

" Virginia sweetpotato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Onley, Virginia; apples, Federal-State Inspection Service, Winchester, Va.

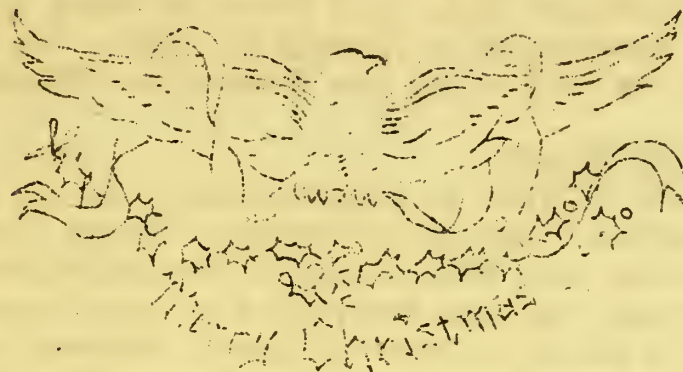
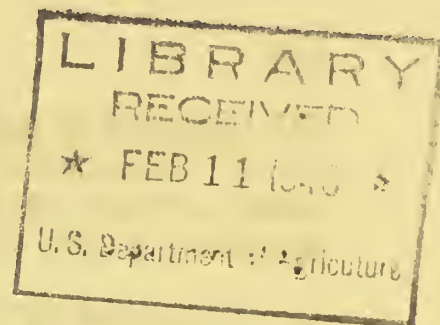
" West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

E. E. Conklin, \*

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH LETTER

To the staff of the Fruit and Vegetable Branch:

I am writing this Christmas greeting to you on the eve of the first anniversary of Pearl Harbor. "Remember Pearl Harbor" was a fighting slogan last Christmas when vast measures were started to quickly shape this country into a fighting nation on a firm war footing. Much more has been done in both economic and military fields than I can mention here.

Governmental policies in this respect, of course, shaped our activities this year. The major realignment of the Department last March placed us in position to do a more effective job in the fruit and vegetable marketing field. With the Department's resources relating to the marketing of fruits and vegetables grouped together in this Branch we have been given the tools with which to service the fruit and vegetable industry in handling its distribution problems.

We have done a good year's work! This was only possible through the fine cooperative spirit cheerfully shown by all of you. I know that many had to devote unusually long hours to their assignments in order to do them well. I wish that I could thank each one of you personally and tell you how much I appreciate the fine work you have done.

With the experience of this year I am confident that we shall find ways to overcome the obstacles confronting us in handling the varied activities of the Branch. Doubtless we shall contribute more of our technical personnel to the armed forces, yet the work-load in our service, regulatory, and market programs activities cannot be expected to be smaller. In fact, the increasing importance of the Lend-Lease activities assigned to us will probably enlarge some of our activities. The maintenance of sufficient qualified personnel will be one of our most serious problems in 1943. But for every problem there must be a solution, and I know that we shall do our best to find it.

I wish each one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*W. G. Neal*



1a. CHRISTMAS DAY - DECEMBER 25 - HOLIDAY

December 25 - Christmas Day, will be an official holiday, but regular hours of duty will be maintained on January 1, 1943 - New Year's Day. This pertains to the field, as well as to the Washington offices.

2a. PURCHASE OF POSTAGE STAMPS

Reference is made to item 2a which appeared in the Branch Letter of November 6 under the title "Purchase of Postage Stamps for Use in Field Offices." The instructions given in that item relative to regulations governing the purchase of postage stamps are now superseded by regulations to be administered by the various Regional Administrative Offices. Postage stamps are used in only a few offices having "special" reports to be transmitted in other than the usual manner. These few offices should, when occasion arises, direct their inquiries relative to the purchase of postage stamps to their Regional Administrative Office.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Robert A. Lipton, advises that his official address should be as follows: Subsistence Laboratory, Agricultural Marketing Administration, War Department, New Orleans Port of Embarkation, Poland & Dauphine Sts., New Orleans, La. Telephone No. Cr. 5571, Extension 327. Mr. Lipton's residence address is 3318 Frenchman St., New Orleans, La., Phone - Fr. 1044.

R.C. Hastings advises that his residence address is now 1612 9th St., So., Fargo, North Dakota. Residence phone: 8233.

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-FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION-1f. HEAVIER LOADING OF CARS OF CERTAIN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES UNDER ODT ORDER No. 18.

Under ODT Order No. 18, certain commodities including the following fruits and vegetables are required to be loaded heavier than in the past: Apples, Pears, Bananas, Carrots, Citrus Fruits, Cranberries, Grapes, Lettuce, Onions, Peanuts, and Potatoes. It is requested that all inspectors, who note specific cases of carloads of any of these commodities showing excessive breakage of packages or bruising of contents caused by the heavier loading, write to E.E. Conklin giving information in detail including the specific car numbers.

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Ind.  
 " Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebr.  
 " Virginia sweetpotato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
 Onley, Va; apples, Federal-State Inspection Service, Winchester, Va.  
 " West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
 Martinsburg, West Virginia.  
 " Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebr.

3f. ENCLOSURE

A copy of Florida Registered Labels, Brands and Trademarks, 1942-43 is being included in this Branch Letter for each inspector except California.

E.E. Conklin

-MARKET PROGRAMS DIVISION-

1g. PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SECTION

Effective December 1st, a Processed Fruit and Vegetable Section, with John E. Dodds in charge, has been established. Hereafter all the work on processed vegetables and fruits, including canning, dehydration, and quick-freezing will be handled by this Section, with the exception of the work on dried fruits. The re-alignment of work brought about by the establishment of this Section has been made in the interest of more effectively coordinating the work of the Division on processed fruits and vegetables. The Special Products Section will cease to function as a section. Mr. Poole, who has been previously designated as a Liaison Officer by Mr. Meel, will continue in that capacity. The work on hops, honey, and fresh berries is transferred to the Fruit and Nut Section.

S.R. Smith

2g. COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ORANGE ORDER--Nomination meetings for nominees for members and alternate members of the Orange Administrative Committee have been held, and reports of the meetings have been forwarded to Washington by Mr. Coogan.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA LEMON ORDER -- It has been recommended that criminal action be filed against Atlas Citrus Packing Company and Theron Hooker, both of Los Angeles, for violation of the lemon order between September 19, 1942, and October 8, 1942. These persons shipped 1,624 boxes of lemons without allotments under the order.

The Lemon Administrative Committee recommended that for the current week shipments remain unrestricted. The Committee has forwarded its marketing policy for the 1942-43 season. The Committee proposes the utilization of the crop as follows: Domestic and Canada fresh shipments, 61.25 percent; exports other than Canada, .22 percent; and By-products and cullage, 38.52 percent.

FLORIDA CITRUS ORDER -- On November 21st the Administrator approved a regulation which limits the shipment of tangerines to U. S. No. 2 and higher grades, and size 246 and larger sizes during the period 12:01 a.m., e. w. t., November 22d, and 12:01 a. m., e. w. t., December 21, 1942.

A prolonged drought in Florida continues, and the damage to the crops is considerable. The industry is very much concerned over the situation, and has asked the Administration to be prepared to assist through purchases if necessary.

WALNUT DIVERSION PROGRAM -- On December 1 the Secretary signed the Walnut Diversion Program J/37a for the current season, with the stipulation that in view of the prospective demand conditions no walnut diversion program will be approved for the 1943-44 crop year. The maximum rate of payment under the present program is 3-3/4 cents a pound for walnuts diverted to shelling or to export, and the maximum total amount is \$700,000.



COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

WALNUT MARKETING AGREEMENT PROGRAM -- On November 28 the Assistant Secretary signed the dockets (1) increasing the salable percentage for walnuts, (2) approving amount of expenses and fixing the rate of assessments for the current season, and (3) approving special pack specifications.

SURPLUS PURCHASES -- Cabbage was purchased in New York, sweetpotatoes in Virginia; apple purchases were concluded in the Eastern States, and purchases of apples will be completed in the Northwest by the end of next week. Canned beets are being purchased in New York.

CABBAGE DIVERSION PROGRAM -- To date 61 plants are cooperating in the program. A total of 16,036,876 gallons of sauerkraut has been processed.

VEGETABLE DEHYDRATION -- The program is being developed to provide additional vegetable dehydration facilities to fill the requirements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1943. This expansion program requires careful planning to insure that plants are located only where adequate supplies of suitable fresh vegetables will be available for processing; also, that sufficient field and plant labor is available to insure continuous operation of the plant. The raw product requirements for dehydrated vegetable plants are now becoming an important factor in the total supply picture and before approval can be given to the location of individual vegetable dehydration plants, consideration must be given to the raw product requirements for vegetable canning and freezing plants in the same area.

GENERAL COMMODITIES PURCHASE PROGRAM -- Purchases were made for Lend-Lease of processed dried apples, canned tomato puree, dry pectin, concentrated lemon juice, and canned whole white potatoes.

S. R. Smith

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- MARKET NEWS DIVISION -

1b. ADVANCE NOTICE OF MARKET INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to assist as much as possible in plans for the handling of peak loads on the leased wire, each office, both city and field, is requested to give the Washington office two or three days advance notice; if possible, of any additional market reports needed or any which may be stopped. The leased wire may of course be used, if necessary, to request additional market reports and in cases where it is impossible to give advance notice of market information needs the advance notice requirement may be waived.

2b. ADDITIONS TO CODE

Please make the following additions to the code, effective December 14.

On the PO - tomato page  
OR all sizes

On the MA - celery page  
OH and larger  
OJ and smaller

B.C. Boree

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

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Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	R.M. Fox	Citrus Vegetables	Nov. 2 " 20	March 31 May 31

THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON ABOUT THE DATE INDICATED

Martinsburg, W. Va. Public Square	R.M. Peterson	Apples	Sept. 14	Dec. 5
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THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON ABOUT THE DATES INDICATED

*Plant City, Fla.	R.M. Peterson	Strawberries	Dec. 27	April 3
*Pompano, Fla.	F.S. Nightingale	Beans & misc. Vegetables Potatoes	Dec. 28 " " Feb. 15	April 3 " " April 3

\*State cooperating

R.M. Peterson on leave at Plant City, Florida



TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING OCTOBER 1942

State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.	State	Carlot or Carlot Equiv.
Arizona	7	New Hampshire	84
California	8890	New Mexico	329
Colorado	4741	New York	894
Delaware	183	Nevada	4
Florida	1414	New Jersey	602
Idaho	5947	North Dakota	2408
Illinois	161	Oregon	2594
Indiana	59	Pennsylvania	404
Iowa	1	Rhode Island	9
Kentucky	39	South Dakota	114
Louisiana	872	Texas	3122
Maine	2531	Utah	393*
Maryland	314	Vermont	26
Massachusetts	277	Virginia	1120
Michigan	1280	Washington	3681
Minnesota	1837	West Virginia	415
Mississippi	32	Wisconsin	173
Montana	1	Wyoming	51
Nebraska	582	TOTAL	45,591

\* There were 150 trucklots aggregating 2,312,035 pounds of various incoming fruits and vegetables cooperatively inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received: North Carolina and Ohio.

<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING OCTOBER 1942</u>					
Total		Same Month		Total	
Markets	Inspections	Markets	Inspections	Markets	Inspections
Albany	11	22	Milwaukee	49	28
Atlanta	87	104	Minneapolis	39	31
Baltimore	62	68	Newark	31	35
Boston	88	107	New Haven	100	107
Buffalo	75	65	New Orleans	184	84
Chicago	315	136	New York	178	375
Cincinnati	65	58	Norfolk	29	14
Cleveland	75	86	Oklahoma City	44	11
Columbia	1	-	Philadelphia	89	95
Columbus	38	16	Phoenix	1	0
Denver	36	28	Pittsburgh	153	215
Detroit	180	157	Portland	24	0
Fargo	2	1	Raleigh	0	3
Fort Worth	38	30	Richmond	1	-
Harrisburg	3	2	Rochester	3	11
Hartford	47	25	St. Louis	63	37
Houston	15	29	Salt Lake City	5	1
Indianapolis	9	12	San Diego	3	1
Jackson	0	6	San Francisco	138	5
Jacksonville	54	37	Seattle	67	47
Kansas City	77	58	Shreveport	18	-
Los Angeles	118	7	Tampa	36	7
Memphis	27	25	Trenton	0	1
Miami	40	69	Washington, D.C.	26	20
			Total	2744	2306

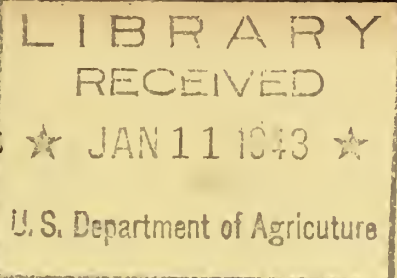
1134 cars inspected for Western  
Perishable Carload Receiver's Assn.,  
New York City.

Total fees assessed  
for October, 1942  
\$12,496.77

Total last year  
\$9,980.82

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH LETTER

1a. DO NOT INCLUDE MATTER OF A PERSONAL NATURE IN OFFICIAL TELEGRAMS OR TELEPHONE CALLS

A number of employees have recently included matter considered of "a personal nature" in otherwise official messages, particularly those sent by commercial telegraph. The accounting office, accordingly, has requested reimbursement from the senders of these messages wherein inquiry or statements were made relative to leave, salary, expense vouchers, reservation of rooms, or the naming of a time and place of meeting. Under the Standardized Government Travel Regulations such material is considered of "a personal nature" and, accordingly, is not permissible at Government expense. Even though the entire message is official with the exception of two or three words, the sender is made responsible for payment of the entire message.

2a. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

This item should be carefully noted by each man in the field who will, during the coming year, be engaged on an activity under the provisions of a cooperative agreement covering either shipping point inspection work (fresh fruits and vegetables) or the market news service. It does not pertain to cooperative agreements covering processed foods inspection activities.

Federal-State shipping point supervisors and market news men who conduct temporary field stations during 1943, where the agreement provides for reimbursement to the Federal Department for salary, expenses, etc., are requested, beginning January 1, 1943, to submit to the Washington office a monthly itemized statement, covering all items of expense incurred in connection with the work in question. These reports should be mailed to W. C. Hasbrouck, Administrative Officer, Fruit and Vegetable Branch.

3a. "STATEMENT OF OFFICIAL MATTER MAILED FREE OF POSTAGE" NO LONGER REQUIRED

Each field office has, no doubt, received its notice to the effect that the report of Official Matter Mailed Free of Postage - Form AD-150 is no longer required. It is suspended for the "duration."

4a. ANNUAL LEAVE - ACCUMULATIVE TO 90 DAYS

On December 18, the President signed a bill providing for the accumulation of annual leave up to 90 days. This supersedes the former regulation, whereby such leave was accumulative only to 60 days. No change is made in the provisions for accumulating sick leave - it still remains 90 days.



- MARKET PROGRAMS DIVISION -

1g. COMMODITY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA ORANGE ORDER -- The six members of the Orange Administrative Committee who were recently appointed by the Secretary, held a meeting at Los Angeles on December 15, 1942, to select nominees for the seventh member and alternate member of the Committee. Our Field Representative informs us that the Committee was unable to arrive at a decision and adjourned until December 24, 1942, at which time another effort will be made to select the nominees by majority voting.

CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA LEMON ORDER - The Administrator issued an order limiting the shipment of lemons for the week December 20 - 26, 1942, to 220 carloads. This was the first regulation recommended since the week ended October 25, 1942.

FLORIDA CITRUS ORDER -- The Growers Administrative and Shippers Advisory Committees held a meeting on December 16 to consider grade and size regulations for oranges, grapefruit and tangerines for the period beginning 12:01 a.m., December 20, 1942, at which time the current regulations expire.

TANGERINE PURCHASE PROGRAM - On December 17 the Secretary approved purchase program J-64a for the purchase of tangerines in the State of Florida.

CABBAGE DIVERSION PROGRAM - Participating packers are submitting vouchers for diversion payments for the sauerkraut sold. Indications are that most of the participating packers, particularly those in the North Central States, are meeting a good demand for bulk sauerkraut. Additional diversion authorizations have been issued, and the quantity now exceeds 18 million gallons.

GENERAL COMMODITIES PURCHASE PROGRAM -- Purchases were made for Lend-Lease of processed dried apples, canned peaches, concentrated grapefruit juice, concentrated orange juice, canned whole white potatoes, canned beets, canned cream style corn, canned peas, and canned tomato puree.

SURPLUS PURCHASES -- Three carloads of apples were purchased the week ending December 12 in Washington and Oregon. This completes this purchase for the time being.

S. R. Smith

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*Sanford, Fla.	C.B. Miller	Celery	Jan. 6	June 5
*Plant City, Fla.	R.M. Peterson	Strawberries	Jan. 15	April 3

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R.M. Peterson on leave at Plant City, Florida



## - FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION -

1f. METHOD OF SAMPLING PEANUTS

In Branch Letter of October 9, 1942, paragraph 1f, the method of sampling was based on a car of customary size which was about 250 sacks. Inasmuch as most carloads of peanuts are being loaded materially heavier and as the fees are based on the heavier loads, the size of the sample obtained and examined should be increased in proportion to the increased size of the load. The size variation should be in terms of the nearest quarter carload.

2f. PEANUT INSPECTION FEES

In supplement to part 2 of the Receiving Markets Handbook of April 15, 1942, page 11, it states that fees for heavier loads of peanuts than customary sized loads should be based on the nearest half carloads. This instruction is superseded by S. R. R., A. M. S. 93 amendment No. 1, effective October 7, 1942 which specifies that fees for carloads in excess of customary size shall be calculated in terms of fourths or next nearest fourth.

3f. CUSTOMARY SIZE CARLOADS

In Branch Letter of November 20, paragraph 1f, in connection with fees for inspections of carloads larger than those of customary size, mention was made of the table of customary packages per carload released in Branch Letter of June 5, 1942. In that table the customary load for topped carrots in 50-pound sacks should read 500 instead of 250. Add to the items in the table garlic in 50-pound sacks, customary load 600 sacks, topped beets in 100-pound sacks, 250 sacks, and mixed topped vegetables in 50-pound sacks, 500 sacks.

4f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebr.

" Virginia sweetpotato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Onley, Va; apples, Federal-State Inspection Service, Winchester, Va.

" West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebr.

5f. ENCLOSURE

There are being distributed with this Branch Letter, to the inspection offices, copies of Federal Specification (Y-O-362) for Oranges; Fresh (Florida, Texas, and Localities other than California and Arizona).

E. E. Conklin

## FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION - STANDARDIZATION SECTION

1c. INTERPRETATION FOR GREEN SPOTS IN THE U.S. STANDARDS FOR CITRUS FRUITS

When the citrus standards were revised, September 1941, definitions specifying definite amounts of green spots permitted were changed to general terms. This was done because the specified amounts which had been allowed were considered to be too liberal, especially on the smaller sized fruits. For example, U. S. No. 2 grade formerly allowed 2 inches of green spots. This amount of green spots on a 288 size orange permitted an extremely large area of the surface to be covered, causing the appearance of the fruit to be seriously affected from a commercial point of view. Changing to the general terms has permitted inspectors to restrict the amount of green spots according to size of fruit.

In order to secure more uniform interpretation, it is suggested that where they are available, inspectors use the tangerine models showing green spots, as a guide in inspecting other citrus fruits, taking into consideration the size of the model. Although the tangerine models are smaller than grapefruit or oranges, inspectors should be able to judge the amounts to be allowed on larger sizes of the latter two fruits. Some inspectors do not have the tangerine models for comparison. Therefore, as a guide, they should allow on a 288 size orange or a 96 size grapefruit, 10 green spots each approximately one-eighth inch in diameter on U.S. No. 1 grade and 25 such spots on U.S. No. 2 grade fruit if there are no other defects. Larger fruits can have more spots if their appearance is as good as the 288 size with the number of spots permitted. Inspectors should not confuse "green spots" with the green color associated with the ordinary coloring of citrus fruits. "Green spots" are spots which are usually caused by scale or by bruising. Because of the bruising or puncturing of the oil cells these spots do not usually take on color, especially when they are dark green. Sometimes, however, pale green spots will fade out to a considerable extent and the appearance of the fruit is considerably improved.

Therefore, the shade of color, that is whether pale or dark green, should be considered when determining the amount of green spots which should be permitted before the fruit is scored against the grade.

R. R. Pailthorp



